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Prevail provides holiday hope to 55 families who need it most

The REPORTER

This holiday season, 55 families supported by Prevail, Inc. experienced the magic of giving and hope, thanks to the extraordinary generosity of the Woodland Christmas Club. Through their efforts, families seeking safety from abuse were able to provide their children with an unforgettable holiday experience.

“Ensuring families can experience the magic of the holidays is more than just a gift – it’s a reminder that they are supported and valued during one of the most challenging times of their lives,” Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanning said. “For survivors, being able to create a sense of normalcy and joy for their children amidst uncertainty is



The Woodland Christmas Club’s long-standing partnership with Prevail exemplifies the spirit of community care and compassion.

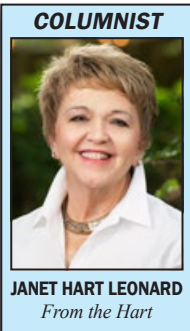
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Photo provided by Janet Hart Leonard
 Janet built herself a Christmas tree made of a medicine bottles.

Christmas Bell’s

Before all the English teachers and grammar guys have a come-apart, you should know that the apostrophe in Bell’s has a story.



JANET HART LEONARD
 From the Hart

I woke up Monday morning before 6:00 and thought my face felt strange. When I looked in the mirror, I noticed drooping on the right side of my face. While brushing my teeth, I couldn’t spit.

I knew these were signs of a stroke. By 6:30, Chuck and I were walking into the Saxony Hospital ER. I learned that when the ER staff hears the words “stroke symptoms,” you are treated like the Queen of Noblesville. A doctor, four nurses, and techs greeted me in the treatment room.

Minutes were crucial. I was rushed for a CT scan.

Upon returning to my room, I needed to use the restroom. As I stepped out, Dr. Rusk, the neurologist, was waiting for me. He mentioned that he had “just happened” to be in the hospital and had enough time to check on me. He suspected it could be either a minor stroke or, as I had already researched with Dr. Google, Bell’s Palsy.

The doctor swiftly conducted an exam involving squeezing, pushing, pressing, lifting, and crossing over – it’s a mix between the hokey pokey and hands, knees, and toes.

An MRI was ordered, and I was taken to the room I always said I would never want to be in. I am claustrophobic – big time. The kind technician offered me a WARM blanket.

I avoided looking at the machine. He asked what kind of music I wanted to listen to, and worship music is always my go-to. He explained it would take 25 minutes and be very loud, like tennis shoes in a dryer with an obnoxious buzzer.

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Westfield High School spreads Christmas cheer through Cookies with Santa event

By AMY ADAMS

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Santa stopped by Westfield High School on Sat., Dec. 14, to greet children, share some cookies and hot cocoa, and double check his gift lists.

The free event hosted by WHS Student Government included cookie-decorating, ornament-making, an inflatable obstacle course, and, of course, an opportunity to visit with Santa.

“Our student leaders do a fantastic job at creating a magical day for the families in our community,” said John Moore, WHS business teacher who moonlights as the man in the red suit.

Student Government has been hosting the event since 2012, when it was Breakfast with Santa.

“Of all of our Student Government hosted events, this one holds a special place in our students’ hearts,” said Johnna Groom, WHS treasurer and Student Government sponsor. “The students spend so much time on events for their own student body that they love the chance, especially during the season, of getting to say thank you to the community that has supported them.”



Reporter photos by Amy Adams
 (TOP LEFT) Santa takes time to chat with sisters, from left, Blake, Evan, and Dylan Fortier. (TOP RIGHT) Colbi Maris, WHS junior and Student Government member, helps Washington Woods third grader Hudson James with creating an ornament craft. (ABOVE LEFT) Vahishrit Kale and permanent substitute teacher Nick Davis, also a Student Government sponsor, helped make sure hot chocolate was warm and ready for guests. (ABOVE CENTER) Three-year-old Evelyn Tilley dressed like her favorite holiday visitor. (ABOVE RIGHT) Jamie Larson couldn’t wait to eat the cookie he decorated.

Fun & safety, hand in hand at Carmel Christkindlmarkt

The REPORTER

Carmel Christkindlmarkt named Ascension St. Vincent Carmel as the first-aid partner for the 2024 season. As the season draws to a close, The Reporter spoke with Christkindlmarkt CEO Maria Adele Rosenfeld about how the partnership has worked for the benefit of visitors and the City of Carmel.

“We have had a first aid hut since last year,” Rosenfeld said. “And we were

looking for a sponsor – a partner that would provide the staffing for first aid. We began to have those conversations even last year with Ascension. There’s just a lot of community value that both the market and Ascension have. It was a good fit. We’ve been very grateful for the partnership and all of the staff that they’ve been providing have just been wonderful to work with.”

In 2023, the market un-

veiled a first aid hut on site with a contractor rather than a sponsoring partner. Having a first aid hut on site in 2023 reduced the amount of 911 calls due to falls or other injuries.

“In years prior, we would call the fire department,” Rosenfeld said. “One of our goals with this was to help decrease the need for calls for ambulance when it might be something that could be addressed on site.

Of course, if it’s a more serious or critical situation, we will absolutely reach out to the emergency services here in Carmel. But if it’s something that can be addressed with an ice pack and an evaluation, having those nurses on site to do that evaluation has been incredibly helpful.”

First aid hut staff has been a mix of nurses and EMTs.

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Photo provided by Carmel Christkindlmarkt
 The First Aid Hut, sponsored by Ascension St. Vincent Carmel, has prevented many 911 calls.

Local DAR Chapter donates \$500 to ‘Pets Healing Vets’

The REPORTER

Rosie Schmidt of the Jonathan Jennings Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) of Carmel recently presented a \$500 check to Jennifer Hatcher of the Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) in support of the “Pets Healing Vets” program.

The donation funds were raised by the chapter’s Fundraising Committee lead by Margaret Hentz and Rosie Schmidt.

An estimated 22 veterans commit suicide each day while approximately 2.7 million animals are euthanized in shelters every year. These alarming statistics prompted HSHC to make it its mis-

sion to improve the emotional well-being of Hoosier veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) by pairing them with carefully selected shelter animals in need of homes at no cost to the veteran for the life of the pet. These animals become constant companions for veterans in this “Pets Healing Vets” program. The health benefits and emotional support that these pets provide to the veterans suffering from depression and anxiety are undeniable.

HSHC services Indianapolis, Fishers, Carmel and surrounding towns. Urge veterans in your life who need help to get help.

About DAR


The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a nonprofit, nonpolitical volunteer women’s organization dedicated to preserving American history and whose mission is to promote historic preservation, education, and patriotism. DAR members throughout the U.S. volunteer their time to provide assistance to veterans in both Veterans Administration hospitals and non-VA facilities and provide more than 200,000 hours of volunteer time to veterans annually.

The Jonathan Jennings Chapter is based in Carmel, and the Chapter Regent is Heath Abert. The chapter



Photo provided
 Jennifer Hatcher of HSHC (left) accepts a check from Rose Schmidt of DAR Jonathan Jennings Chapter.

currently has more than 90 members and welcomes any women interested in joining. For more information, visit dar.org or email jjdar-regent@gmail.com.



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Noblesville Elks show their support for Feeding Team

The REPORTER
Noblesville Elks Lodge 576 have made a Christmas donation to help hungry area neighbors. Steve Vallierm current Elks Lodge 576 president, and Geoff Robinson presented a \$1,000 donation to Lisa Hall, Co-Founder of The Feeding Team.

“Elks’ support for local charities is the very core of who we are as an organization,” Vallierm said. “This is our fourth year supporting Feeding Team and their mission to eliminate hunger in Hamilton County.”

Elks Lodge 576 is one of the largest lodges in Indiana with almost 600 members. Their mission to give back



to the community happens through the efforts of dedicated members who raise funds throughout the year. Read more about the Elks at elks.org.

The Feeding Team provides non-perishable meals throughout Hamilton County through over 75 outdoor no-questions-asked pantries. Learn more at feedingteam.org.

Noblesville Lions present Miyamoto Fellowship Award



Photo provided by Jake Doll, Noblesville Lions Club

On Dec. 11, the Noblesville Lions Club presented Lion Rollin Cutter with a Miyamoto Fellowship in recognition of his many years of active service to the club. The Miyamoto Fellowship is an award from the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing and recognizes Dr. Richard Miyamoto, whose work at Indiana University helped develop the cochlear implant. Lion Gary Chastain brought the award, as a trustee of the Indiana Lions for Speech and Hearing. (From left) Rollin Cutter, Gary Chastain, and Lion President Jeff Kozicki.



Reporter photos by Amy Adams

(LEFT) Oak Trace Elementary School first grader Miles Gorsky knew just what to tell Santa he wants for Christmas. (RIGHT) Karlee Witcher came all the way from Brownsburg to see Santa at the cabin.

Santa visits Barker Cabin

By AMY ADAMS
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One might be inclined to think that Santa Claus visiting Westfield’s Barker Cabin wouldn’t be historically accurate.

However, “A Visit from St. Nicholas,” known today as *The Night Before Christmas*, by Clement Clarke Moore, was first published in New

York’s *Troy Sentinel* in 1823.

A little more than 10 years later, Nicholas Barker built a cabin for his family in Westfield in 1835. So, it is reasonable to believe that St. Nicholas may have visited the home of his namesake to place something in the stockings of the Barker’s nine children.

Regardless of whether St. Nick visited the Barker family in the 1800s, Santa Claus

stopped by the cabin, now situated at 136 Penn St., on Saturday, Dec. 14. He welcomed children, asked them what they wanted for Christmas, and handed out candy canes.

Volunteers of the Westfield Washington Historical Society were on hand to tell the kids and their parents a little about what life would have been like in the cabin nearly 200 years ago.



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(LEFT) Hundreds of happy volunteers gave their time to help make Christmas brighter for their fellow human beings. (ABOVE) Sheridan firefighters shopping for Secret Families.

More than 500 volunteers shop, wrap & deliver Christmas to local families in need

The REPORTER
On Saturday, Dec. 14, over 500 cheerful volunteers gathered early at Meijer to serve 81 families in need as part of “Secret Families Day” in Hamilton County.

This single-day event – which supports families with children referred by local schools – provides presents for every member of the family, fully-decorated live trees, food certificates, and essential items that will make a meaningful impact on their lives.

The “Secret” name originated from the donors wanting to keep their sponsorship of a family a secret. But it also means those being served are kept a secret as well. Struggles can occur to anyone, anywhere, and the goal is to help those neighbors with discretion and dignity.

“These are our neighbors: children whose parents are battling illness, families who have lost a breadwinner, or households facing the aftermath of a natural disaster,” Secret Families Executive Director Jay Kern said. “We exist to help these families experience the joy and hope of Christmas during their toughest days and at the same time show them that their neighbors care about them.”

The day began at Meijer in Westfield, where teams of volunteers are assigned a family to shop for. They were provided a list of needs and wants for each family member and allocated money based on the size of the family. Once shopping was complete, the gifts were transported to a shopping workshop at Cross-Roads Church at Westfield,

where volunteers wrapped the presents and selected additional items donated from toy drives throughout the year. Once the wrapping was complete, the volunteers were given Bibles for the children, a bag of toiletries and household items, a gift card for groceries, and a tree, which all were delivered to the family.

This is truly a county-wide event that serves families across all six public school districts. Likewise, Secret Families is supported by several local organizations across the county, including The Hotel Carmichael in Carmel (volunteer snacks), Wasson Nursery in Fishers (tree donation), Sheridan Fire Department (volunteer support and sponsorship), and Kiwanis of Westfield (volunteer support and sponsorship).

Secret Families relies solely on donations and this effort would not be possible without generous sponsorships from the community. Learn more at secretfamilieshc.org.

About Secret Families of Hamilton County

While Hamilton County is often seen as a prosperous community, the reality is that more than 15,000 people live below the poverty line. This is larger than the entire populations of 11 Indiana counties. Since 2014, Secret Families of Hamilton County has worked with local elementary schools and Hamilton County Youth Assistance to identify and support these families in need. This may be due to the illness or death of a parent, loss of a job, natural disaster or any other number of circumstances.



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County Parks expands Potter's Bridge Park with land acquisition

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Hamilton County Parks and Recreation (HCPR) has announced the acquisition of an additional 50.85 acres of land at Potter's Bridge Park, 19401 Allisonville Road, Noblesville.

This acquisition will increase the park's total size to over 125 acres and is part of an ongoing effort to preserve natural landscapes and expand recreational opportunities in Hamilton County.

Potter's Bridge Park, nestled along the scenic White River, is a beloved outdoor destination offering a wide range of recreational opportunities for families, nature enthusiasts, and history buffs alike.

The park is named after the historic Potter's Bridge, a charming, covered bridge built in 1871, which is a prominent feature of the park. The bridge provides a picturesque setting for visitors to enjoy walking, photography, and scenic views of the river. The park also offers a playground, great fishing spots, and access to the White River for canoeing and kayaking.

The addition of the expanded area unites park property, which previously had three



Photo by Daniel Woody

disconnected boundaries. Additionally, HCPR will be able to open approximately 20 acres of previously inaccessible land for recreational use, enriching the park experience for visitors.



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Furthermore, the expanded area facilitates ecological preservation, as it includes approximately 10 acres of critical riparian buffer, which will be preserved to protect the health of the White River ecosystem and the surrounding environment.



Graphic provided by Hamilton County Parks & Recreation

This acquisition aligns with the objectives outlined in HCPR's five-year master plan, emphasizing environmental sustainability, expanded recreational offerings, and enhanced community access to nature.

"This acquisition allows us to fill a critical gap, creating a more connected and cohesive space at this park," HCPR Director Chris Stice said. "It's

an exciting opportunity to continue expanding Potter's Bridge Park and provide our community with more recreational space."

HCPR is committed to developing and managing the county's parks and natural spaces for the enjoyment and benefit of all. The expansion of Potter's Bridge Park is a key component of this mission, further solidifying the park as a premier destination.



Photo provided by Altrusa Altrusa President Pam Wesley and Prevail Executive Director Tami Wanninger at Prevail with gift items.

Altrusa busy serving across Hamilton County through holiday season

The REPORTER

After Altrusa International of Hamilton County's Holiday Pitch-in Dinner this month, Kari Disney became the newest member of the local group.

In November, President Pam Wesley delivered the donated Christmas Boutique items to Tami Wanninger at Pre-

vail. These items will be available for their clients during a special gift selection event.

Altrusa's next meeting will be at MCL Carmel on Monday, Jan. 13. Members will work on making plastic bags into mats for people in need of shelter. To find out more about Altrusa, go to Altrusa.org.



Photo provided by Altrusa (From left) Carol Rader, Gloria Del Greco (sponsor), Kari Disney, and Pam Wesley.



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Dec. 17, 2024 Meeting

Submitted by Noblesville Schools

The school board has responsibility for major district functions including school district governance and oversight, setting school policies, approving funding, strategic planning, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent.

- Promise Road student Mackenzie Evans was recognized for her holiday card artwork.
- Fall athletes were recognized for team and/or individual accomplishments including girls golf, girls and boys soccer, girls and boys cross country, boys tennis, volleyball and football.
- Hazel Dell Elementary students presented on their school culture and traditions.
- The Learning Department presented on the English Language Arts curriculum review and multilingual learners.
- Little Millers Preschool and Miller Explorers tuition was approved.
- New football and boys soccer coaches were named.

Go to noblesvilleschools.org/leadership/school-board for meeting agendas, minutes, videos, and more.

Westfield Youth Assistance reaches fundraising goal

Submitted

The Westfield Youth Assistance Program sends a massive thank you to all its generous donors who helped the organization exceed its goal for 2024's Giving Tuesday campaign.

Thanks to the generosity of the community and all the wonderful anonymous matching donors, WYAP raised \$28,067. WYAP couldn't be more grateful for its donors and is ready to use this money towards programming. Thanks to the generosity of the community, we



will be able to serve many Westfield youth.

If you are still looking for a way to support WYAP and Westfield youth, please plan to attend "Paddle Battle for a Cause," a day of family-friendly pickleball fun, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27 at Grand Park Events Center.

Learn more at youthassistance.org/westfield.

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Amy Shankland's new book will help others navigate church alone

By AMY ADAMS
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Amy Shankland was on her way to a wedding in August 2020 when she suddenly announced to her husband that she thought she was going to leave the Catholic church. Her husband, who isn't Catholic, was somewhat surprised.

"All my adult life, I've gone to church alone," she said. "I'm tired of going alone."

The other reason she was thinking about leaving the church was that, since her divorce from her previous husband, she had not been allowed to take communion. She had started the process years prior, but she said the undertaking proved to be emotionally gut-wrenching and she didn't complete it.

Just a few days after expressing her feelings to her husband, she was on a training walk for a marathon when a priest from her church called. He was preparing to move to a different parish, but he told her that before he left he wanted to help her finish the process to be able to receive communion again.

For Shankland, that call was a sign. She had 90 more minutes of her training walk to consider what the priest had suggested. By the time she finished her walk, she had decided to work with him to do what was necessary.

The weekend Shankland turned 50, she received communion again for the first time in years.

"It was like a fire was lit

within me, and I really think this is from God," she said. "Now, unless I am sick or someone is dying, I don't miss church. I don't go anymore because I have to go. I go because I want to."

Shankland said that millions of people feel the way she did about going to church alone.

"Whether you're single, widowed, or married but your spouse does not attend church, going to church alone can be hard," she said.

According to Shankland's research, LifeWay Christian Resources reported that 20 percent of church attendees come alone. Single Friendly Church, an organization in the U.K., has shown that many of those who attend church alone feel that their churches don't know what to do with them.

In light of these statistics and study results, Shankland said she wants all people who attend church alone to feel the same excitement and joy she now feels in going to church solo.

Having a degree in journalism from Indiana University and being a regular columnist for *The Reporter*, Shankland finds herself driven to write whenever she sees a problem and wants to share a possible solution. She said a theme is that she is writing for herself as well as others.

How to Thrive (Not Just Survive) Attending Church



Solo, which has a proposal pending with a Christian publisher, will be Shankland's fifth book published since 2013. She first self-published the fictional *Hoop Mama* with FastPencil.

Joy to You and Me at Work debuted in 2018, followed by *Lighten Your Mental Load* in 2020, both by Tell-Tale Publishing. Her most recent title, *Interviews By a Clueless White Woman* was released by Warren Publishing in 2022.

In *How to Thrive (Not Just Survive) Attending Church Solo*, Shankland will share strategies that have made a difference for her. For example, she has begun going to church with others in a similar situation and currently sits with a widow and a divorcee.

"I tell people they need to reach out to other solo people," she said. "We have to help each other."

Shankland also has invited her priest over for dinner, has begun creating a church family, and is finding and meeting with "God" friends outside of church.

"My overall theme is to stop making church just a Sunday or Saturday thing," she said. "Try to 'live' church all week long."

Shankland said she recognizes that pastors and priests have a tough job these days. She would encourage them to be more open to how they can make the church

experience more inviting for solo attendees.

Shankland said her own church, Our Lady of Grace in Noblesville, is making efforts to help meet the needs of those who attend church alone. Nametag Sunday seems to be making a difference by helping people get to know others at church. And, soon, they will be piloting small groups.

Shankland said she encourages those who attend church alone to join such groups. She also said she suggests people read books and listen to podcasts on their own to further strengthen their foundation of faith. Books like *Heaven and Money*, *Possessions*, and *Eternity* by Randy Alcorn have especially impacted Shankland.

With Christmas coming up, Shankland said she particularly wants to encourage people who will be going to holiday services alone to try to incorporate some of these tips.

"Give yourself that little Christmas miracle," she said, "Do your best to make the experience special even if you're solo."

About Amy Thornton Shankland

Amy Thornton Shankland is a grant consultant and has been writing stories ever since she received a typewriter when she was eight years old. She has given local, regional, and national workshops on various writing topics. Visit her online at authoramythornton.wordpress.com, on social media @authoramythornton, and read her columns at ReadTheReporter.com.

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incredibly empowering. We are deeply grateful to the Woodland Christmas Club for making this possible."

The Woodland Christmas Club's long-standing partnership with Prevail exemplifies the spirit of community care and compassion.

"It is a blessing that Woodland Christmas Club can come alongside Prevail and the families over the holiday season," said Nicole Todd, volunteer with Woodland Christmas Club. "With

the generous support of donations, time, and energy from the community we are able to give the children and their families a bit of joy over the holiday season."

As Hamilton County's only provider of comprehensive advocacy services for victims of crime and abuse, Prevail serves more than 3,100 individuals annually. With the support of community partners like Woodland Christmas Club, Prevail can continue its mission to empower survivors

of crime and abuse on their path to healing. Learn more at prevailinc.org.

About Woodland Christmas Club

The Woodland Christmas Club, founded in 1986 by Kent and his late wife Vicky Whitten, has experienced significant growth and impact over the years. The organization provides food, gifts, clothing, shoes, and household items. Over its 39 years of operation, the club has supported more than 5,317

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families, benefiting over 13,819 children and a total of more than 23,000 individuals. With a commitment that 100 percent of funds raised directly assist the families during the holiday season. The club raises funds through two major golf outings held in July and August, as well as through donations and gift card sales throughout the year. Notably, all donations are tax-deductible as it operates as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

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As I entered the chamber, the music began. He announced, "First up is Rod Stewart, followed by worship music. I couldn't help but laugh. Rod Stewart, Matthew West singing "Don't Stop Praying," and Zach Williams singing "Chain Breaker." I felt at peace as I recited the Lord's Prayer.

I was admitted for observation.

A bit later, I was given a simple swallow test ... I failed. I got choked. I would then have to see the speech therapist for another one with barium. Think trying to chew and swallow chalky Play-Doh. I passed, but I need to be very careful.

That afternoon, Dr. Rusk spent a good 15 minutes explaining the results of my MRI. I have Bell's Palsy, which can be caused by stress or a virus and lasts several weeks or months.

My face droops – not a pretty look. My eyelid will not blink, causing a severe

dry eye. When the dryness gets so bad, I tape my eye shut. Artificial tears are always within reach. My face feels like I have been to the dentist for major dental work. My lips do not work. I struggle to eat or drink. Whatever I drink leaks out my mouth, and I cannot use a straw.

Then Dr. Rusk told me something I was not expecting to hear. The MRI determined I have been having small strokes in the past due to the early onset of hardening of the arteries. Bell's Palsy may have saved me from a much-too-early death.

I am making lifestyle and diet changes. I will also be doing the walking version of *Forrest Gump* – lots of walking.

Right now, I am taking nine prescriptions. With a regimen of steroids, I am taking 18 pills a day. It will taper to less over the next few days. Speaking is a challenge. Certain words trip me up. Telling the dietary depart-

ment I needed to order Hawaiian "PUNCH" was funny.

The care I received at Saxony was phenomenal. The doctors, nurses, technicians, dietary aides, speech, occupational, and physical therapists, and the transport guys were all so caring. I asked their names and told them how much I appreciated them. They took the time to explain what they were doing. I'm still laughing at the fact that you can be given an aspirin where the sun doesn't shine. Who knew? Shots in your stomach are not as painful as you imagine. Navigating a trip to the bathroom with an IV pole gives a new meaning to pole dancing.

Remember the part in the Christmas movie *It's a Wonderful Life* where the narrator says, "Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings"? Let me tell you that when I got Bell's Palsy, the angels showed up in my room. They didn't have wings, but they showed up with compassion

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and spoke with calm assurance that all would be well ... eventually.

So, my Christmas may look quite imperfect this year – as do I – but I'm feeling blessed and look forward to good health in 2025.

As you may already know, my husband, Chuck Leonard, is the most caring man. This week, he showed he truly meant it when he vowed "in sickness and health."

When I said that the apostrophe had a story, I wasn't kidding. Bell's Palsy will eventually go away, but I'll never forget the Christmas of 2024 and its story of the apostrophe.

I do want to wish all my readers a very Merry Christmas. God bless us, every one!

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Hamilton County Sheriff's Office celebrates 12 promotions

The REPORTER

The Hamilton County Sheriff's Office recently announced a series of well-deserved promotions across multiple divisions. These outstanding individuals have consistently demonstrated exceptional performance in their roles and have made significant contributions to their teams' success.

During the promotion ceremony on Monday, Sheriff Dennis Quakenbush spoke on the importance of family. He emphasized the critical role that families play in supporting those in leadership positions, urging the newly promoted individuals to prioritize time with their loved ones. Family is

the foundation of strength and success.

Jail Division

- Dustin Castor – Jail Captain
- Justin Rennaker – Assistant Jail Commander

- Dalton Ballard – Lieutenant
- Kirstin Wagoner – Sergeant
- Ryan Mosley – Sergeant
- Teresa Woods – Sergeant
- Luke Dietz – Sergeant
- Allen Henricks – Sergeant

Patrol Division

- Adam Leckrone – Sergeant
- Austin Rumer – Sergeant

Juvenile Services Division

- Ryan McClain – Captain

Support Division

• Bryan Melton – Sergeant
Promotion ceremonies are steeped in military tradition. Awards are generally presented to them by a superior, a family member, or a mentor. Hamilton County is fortunate that these outstanding men and women have chosen to bring their considerable talents to the Sheriff's Office.

Congratulations to all the individuals on their achievements. The Sheriff's Office looks forward to seeing the positive impact of their leadership in the months and years to come.

Local ISP retirees honor Doug Carter



Photo provided

Local retirees of the Indiana State Police held their annual Christmas breakfast at the Jim Dandy in Noblesville on Tuesday, Dec. 17. Approximately 27 were in attendance with their guests. Also present was retiring Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter. ISP Sgt. Glen Shrock (Retired) presented Carter with a plaque thanking him for his service. Carter started his ISP career in Hamilton County in 1983.

IU Health reports security breach, limited data taken

By PARKER CARLSON
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Indiana University Health announced some user data has been compromised in a security breach.

IU Health said last Tuesday that only a limited amount of information was compromised. Social Security numbers and financial data were not impacted.

"While there was no financial information or Social Security numbers impacted by this incident, as a precaution, we encourage affected individuals to remain vigilant and verify that anyone who is reaching out about personal and/or health information is a legitimate representative of the organization they say they are associated with," IU Health said in a press release.

The stolen information varies for each person's account, but they "may have

included address, age, medical record number, diagnosis, or other limited treatment information (in the data breach)," IU Health said.

IU Health first learned of the security breach when an employee's email account may have been compromised on Oct. 18.

That same day, IU Health said they began investigating and taking steps to protect user's accounts. An external forensics firm determined that access was gained to the employee's email between Oct. 4 and 18.

IU Health is notifying individuals as of Dec. 17, and have a call center dedicated to answering any questions, reached at 1-844-920-8857 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Photos provided by Town of Arcadia

(LEFT) Neal Hoard, Alex Petty, and Corbin Fruchey. (RIGHT) Alex Petty and Todd Uhrick.

Arcadia police chief set to retire

The REPORTER

After more than 33 years of service to the citizens of Hamilton County and 10 years to the Town of Arcadia, Todd Uhrick has decided to retire. His last day will be Jan. 3, 2025. A celebration of his retirement will be held later in January 2025.

At the Dec. 16 Arcadia Town Council meeting, Alex

Petty was appointed to fill Uhrick's spot as Chief of Police.

Petty joined Arcadia P.D. after retiring from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, where he held the positions of Deputy, K-9 Officer, Detective, and School Resource Officer for Hamilton Heights High School. He also coaches football

and baseball at Hamilton Heights.

The Arcadia Town Council also hired Corbin Fruchey as the new patrol officer. He currently is an officer with IU Health and a reserve officer with the Cicero Police Department. He will start his new duties working third shift on Jan. 1, 2025.

Neal Hoard was also

appointed as a new Reserve Officer. He previously was a reserve at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office where he was a blood hound handler. His K-9 can be used to find individuals who have committed a crime, or who may be lost because of age or medical conditions.

Please wish these officers well on their new endeavors.

Noblesville Common Council OK's Morse Village project in 6-3 vote

By CAT SANDOVAL
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In a 6-3 vote, the Noblesville Common Council approved the \$250 million Morse Village project last Tuesday night.

More than 150 residents attended the council meeting and voiced their concerns about the traffic, impact on the wetlands and eagles' nests, and the devaluation of their home prices. The meeting took nearly three hours to discuss the controversial zoning ordinance.

The Morse Village development aims to transform

173 acres of land at 206th Street and Hague Road near Morse Reservoir from what was zoned as single-family residential to multi-family residential units and businesses. It will be divided into three main parts: North, South, and West Pointe.

The main point of contention is West Pointe.

David Kleinhenn has lived in Noblesville for decades. "It will change the structures and community involvement. There are several things like wildlife and wetlands. It could be destroyed," he said.

Developer LOR Range-

line LLC made adjustment to the previous West Pointe plan. They said their new plan now includes 135 multi-home units, a 18 percent reduction from their earlier plan. The developer said the project will only impact 0.49 acres of wetlands.

Residents voiced their opinion that this growth is too fast. But despite the nearly 300 emails and hundreds of texts from concerned individuals, the council choose to move forward with the plan.

"Certainly when it comes to new decisions in the city of Noblesville anytime there's a change, zoning or new proj-

ect there's always opinion on all sides," said Mayor Chris Jensen.

The next steps include a review of the project by the Technical Advisory Committee.

Watch the meeting on YouTube at tinyurl.com/NoblesvilleCC20241217.

Learn more about the development project at morsevillage.com/explore-the-community.

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Franciscan Health updates hospital visitor restrictions

The REPORTER

With increasing activity of respiratory viruses such as flu, COVID-19, and RSV, Franciscan Health hospitals in Indianapolis, Mooresville, and Carmel are implementing updated visitation restrictions.

These changes only affect inpatient areas and do not apply to outpatient departments. The following policy took effect Tuesday, Dec. 17:

- Visitors must be at least 18 years of age.
- Only two visitors per patient are allowed to visit at a time (excluding clergy who are part of the care team).
- If visiting a patient who has respiratory symptoms, visitors are asked to keep a mask on and do not visit

the cafeteria, coffee, and gift shops or waiting rooms.

• Those having symptoms suggestive of respiratory illness, including, but not limited to: cough, fever, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, diarrhea, tiredness, headache, and vomiting, will not be allowed to visit.

• Visitors should continue to practice good hand hygiene.

• Visitation hours are from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The updated policies are being implemented with input from Franciscan Alliance leadership and in accordance with guidelines from the CDC, Indiana Department of Health, and Marion County Health Department.

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At this hut, visitors to the Market can find basic medical care if they find themselves injured while ice skating or otherwise. Wheelchair rental is also offered through this hut, as well as an AED should it be needed.

"Ascension St. Vincent Carmel and the Christkindlmarkt are two premier organizations that have both received national recognition for their commitment to excellence, and we're proud to celebrate the Christmas season together," Ascension St. Vincent Carmel Hospital President Chad Dilley said. "We are excited to work together to fulfill the health needs of attendees at the Christkindlmarkt as the Ex-

clusive Healthcare Partner." Rosenfeld told The Reporter she is thankful for Ascension's sponsorship.

"We really do try to work with local partners and love the relationship that we've been able to build with Ascension," Rosenfeld said. "We are looking forward to continuing to work with Ascension in the future and building new partnerships with other local organizations for the market in the future."

Carmel Christkindlmarkt will close for the season at 4 p.m. Christmas Eve.

"We like for our vendors to be able to go and have Christmas Eve dinner with their families," Rosenfeld said.

Iyer wins Congressional App Award



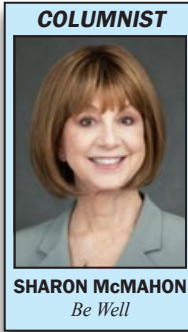
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Congresswoman Victoria Spartz made a surprise visit Dec. 16 to Vidhatri Iyer's school to present the Congressional App Award for her app called "streamE." The app was developed to forecast E. coli in water streams. Readers may remember reading in January 2023 about Iyer's development of a rapid field-based technique to detect nanoplastic in water samples. You can refresh your memory about this incredible young scientist at tinyurl.com/IyerNanoplastics.

A box of hope – just in time for Christmas

December 1955

Until the age of eight, when my brother was born, I was an “only child” and spent a great deal of time playing or reading by myself; though my other favorite pastime was hanging out with



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Be Well

loaded down with packages and waited patiently for the door to be answered, and it was.

My experience with people in general at that point in my life was pretty much limited to my immediate and extended families and Disney television programs. After so many years, I can still visualize the appearance of the mother who answered the door.

My dad was the person who taught me the importance of giving to others. Mom was more focused on running the house and keeping things organized. On Saturdays I would go with my dad on his “rounds” – we visited the bank, the hardware store, filled up the car with gas, etc. I always looked forward to those Saturday times just to “pal around” with Dad in Noblesville. (Some of you will remember American National, Western Auto, Phillips 66, etc.)

When I was around the age of five, near the holidays, Dad asked me if I wanted to accompany him on a very special errand. Daddy was a member of a lodge in our town, whose members decided that they wanted to help some local families in need during the holiday season. Names and addresses were distributed, and Dad and I stopped at the local grocery store to pick up some food items and at the “five and dime” store (similar to a tiny Walmart I suppose!) to purchase some small toys.

Though I thought it was a neat adventure, I did not, of course, have an understanding of what real human need was. My world was secure and cozy; that was all I knew. So, we purchased our items and off we went ... to an area of town where I had never visited.

My dad parked the Buick (he always drove a Buick) on the street and lifted a large box out of the trunk and carried it to the front door. My first impression was that the door was very dirty. (An odd thing to remember, specifically after so many years, but there you go.) We were

mediate and extended families and Disney television programs. After so many years, I can still visualize the appearance of the mother who answered the door.

To me, as a child, she looked both frightened and frightening. Her eyes were red, her face drawn, hair unkempt, and I recall that she was very thin. Behind her were several small children, and nearby in the room were a couple of older kids – older than me at least. I could see that someone was lying on the threadbare sofa, but the mother and children were mostly blocking my view from the doorway. I don’t recall exactly what my dad said to her, but I am sure he was indicating who we were, why we were there, etc.

I am also sure that my mouth dropped open completely because still today I recall how shocked I was. When my eyes left the dirt floor, I was able to see more clearly the form on the sofa in the tiny house. It was a man, who was obviously ill. Although of course I never learned what his illness was, only that he seemed quite incapacitated. He may have sat up, but I don’t recall that he ever actually stood up; I believe he was unable to do so.

I now realize as an adult how utterly humiliated he must have been as well. The time frame was the mid-1950s and it was widely considered at that time that a man was the sole provider of his home and family.

The children – and I am guessing at this time, of course, but I believe there were at least five of them – were barefoot (recall that this is just before Christmas – in Indiana!) and were wearing thin and dirty clothes. There

was no Christmas tree and I think at that time to me that was just as shocking as anything else!

The large box we delivered was mostly fruit – oranges, apples, pears – and the children immediately began digging into the box, which included staples such as bread and milk, as well as some small toys for boys and girls. I consequently learned that Dad had a list of all the genders and ages provided by the coordinators at his Lodge. I then saw the children opening some packages, and the contents really surprised me as I did not know we even had these items with us – underwear and socks! (I suppose my mother was in charge of purchasing those.) I could not imagine at the time why anyone would get underwear and socks for Christmas!

The house was cold, there was newspaper taped up to the wall in several places. Now, of course, I know that was to help keep out the cold air. I am sure there was little if any heat in the house. It was so different from anything I had seen in my short life, though the images that day made such a lasting impression that I can still close my eyes and see it all again.

My dad was born in the 1920s, one of four children, and his father was a coal miner in Kentucky. Most of Dad’s growing-up years were rather poor, I am certain. The financial woes of the Great Depression lingered for many years throughout this country. I believe, though he never said so, that the visit that day had some familiar overtones from his own youth. Members of what Tom Brokaw has often referred to as the “Greatest Generation” seldom talked about their Depression-era experiences – they just used them to make a better life for themselves and their families, and to reach out to others in need. Fortunately for our family, my dad secured a job as a young man with General Motors and we had ample income for our needs.



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“Small Town Girl” Sharon McMahon with her mom and dad, circa 1955.

That cold December day in 1955 revealed to me in no uncertain terms the meaning of love – the purest form of love which is that for fellow suffering human beings – the love that causes people to step out of their own comfort zone with a heart and hand for others. As often happens, significant childhood memories stay somewhat buried through our teenage and young adult years, and then settle into our psyches as we become more mature adults.

Seeing for the first time my dad’s compassion for these people (and other instances through the years) made a lasting impression upon me – and one that I will always cherish. I firmly believe that it is due to my dad’s example that I do have a heart and a motivation to help those in need, both human beings and others – all God’s creatures!

There were many similar examples throughout my

childhood, but this one is truly memorable to me.

Love is about what we can do to reduce others’ suffering, to give them a reason to hope and a reason to believe that their lives are significant, and that others care about them. From serving those in the greatest need around the world to those who may live around the corner in our own neighborhoods, love manifests itself in its greatest form by each of us, individually. I feel so completely blessed that growing up I knew that I was loved by my family, and as an adult I have found committed and romantic love with my spouse. I am both thankful and humbled by this.

And I am very grateful that although Dad is no longer here, he left to me the greatest legacy a parent could provide – an example of how to love others and give of yourself because, to me, that is the meaning of

love. I hope that I, too, have modeled that behavior to my own children and that they will continue that legacy to my grandchildren and beyond. Generations of love and compassion will give us the power to truly change our world for the better.

What are you doing? In the 1950s, there were few organized efforts to reach out to those in need of shelter, food, clothing and yes – toys for Christmas. Thankfully, today there are many organizations, and the need is great. Most of us are blessed with some level of resources to make a difference in our communities and our world. Whether it is your financial resources, your volunteer time, the extra goodies you prepare for family, friends and neighbors ... and the time you take to smile and wish a stranger well, know that you have made a difference in this world and have shined a light which can radiate onward to others.

She found her perfect ‘Fit’ The gift

Last Friday I had to say goodbye to my (formerly) beloved Mini Cooper – or as I fondly called it, MC. I say formerly because this was my 2017 “post minivan,” blue and white, sporty, stick-shift, zippy little vehicle with a sunroof. For the first few

years, it was fun and a pure joy. After that ... it slowly became a money pit. Maybe some of you have experienced the same thing with a vehicle, home, or other large purchase. I’m not sure if this is true of all MCs, but this vehicle, which was paid for, began to drain \$1,000 to \$2,000 a year from our account.

Finally, my husband John and I declared “enough” last February after the last repair. I began to do my research online to find a more reliable used vehicle. My plan was to buy this car after a client that pays me for all 12 months ahead of time paid me in the fall. I wanted to avoid car payments.

Well ... we all know how plans sometimes don’t work out. My client hasn’t worked with me as much as usual this year, so their next payment won’t be until February or March. I just prayed that MC would hold on until then.

In the meantime, I found exactly what I was looking for – a



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Honda Fit. This would still meet my requirement of zippy, little, and sporty, although not necessarily a stick shift with a sunroof. But I figured I’d survive.

Every so often I’d look online to see what was out there for the most reliable years – 2012, 2017, and 2019. They were all blah colors – black or grey – and most didn’t have a sunroof or stick shift. And, of course, they were rarely close by.

Then ... last Thursday afternoon ... I noticed a puddle under MC, and it wasn’t from rain or snow. Antifreeze had leaked onto our garage floor. For one moment, my chest tightened.

But then, a sense of absolute peace and calm flooded me. I went into John’s office and declared, “I’m done.” We both looked online for Honda Fits that evening and were surprised to find both a 2012 and 2017 model at a dealer in ... Fishers!

I scheduled a test drive for both at 11 a.m. last Friday. Surprisingly, the 2012 one had less than 60,000 miles, looked great inside and out, and had excellent history with no accidents. It was truly better than the 2017, which had 30,000 more miles and a minor accident in its history.

Oh ... and it was red.



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Our columnist found her perfect Fit last week.

Two hours later, I had traded in MC (which the dealer commented had “issues” ... that was putting it mildly) and walked out with my perfect “Fit.” John took my photo alongside it. Despite the unexpected timing of everything, I felt like this all worked out according to God’s plan. I’ll only have to make a couple of payments before my client renews.

I think that’s what we have to do with money pits and similar situations. We must do our own work and planning, but ultimately, it’s all up to Him to

show us the right path for improvement.

I look forward to feeling more secure with greater peace of mind when I’m out and about this Christmas – and beyond. I hope if you’re facing a money pit situation, make sure you give it to God. He’ll help you find your own perfect fit.

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The gift of movement. How often do you think about and appreciate all your body can do? All the little movements our bodies do that we may take for granted. Lifting your hand to your mouth to brush your teeth, eat, brush your hair, bend over to tie your shoes, sit up in bed, just to name a few. I have not always been so acutely aware and as grateful as I should be for the gift of movement that I have. Like most of us do, I take it for granted far too often.

You know the saying, someone always has it worse than you, be grateful! While this is certainly true, it is not always helpful to say that to someone. But also, when soaking in the truth of that statement, if you are able, it is really eye opening. The truth is, we all struggle in some way. Some days, months, years we are better equipped to handle our struggles, and sometimes they almost take us under, and we feel like we are drowning. It is easy to get bitter towards others that have what we do not, physically speaking in this instance.

I decided a long time ago that I do not have the energy to be bitter, nor the right to be, towards all non-disabled people. It would be easy for me to. I could resent others because they can do things I cannot, or I can face the reality that is out of my control and instead put my energy towards where I am at right now. Everywhere I go, everything I watch on TV, I see mostly people who are not visibly disabled. Rarely, do I see in person, a person with a visible disability. In a rare instance, a TV show may show a person with a disability, but we still live in a time where we think, “oh wow, that is awesome, finally!” It should just be the norm, but it is not.

Part of how I appreciate my gift of movement is exercise. I became interested in exercise during college. Since then, I have been consistent with exercising in some form. I am always looking for treatments or therapies off the beaten path.

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Advent for students

As we enter the week of Christmas, many find ourselves with busyness all around. There are decorations to hang, parties to attend, gifts to buy and wrap, and treats to bake. For students in schools, there are also finals to take, grades to be finalized, classroom celebrations, and dress up days.



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celebration of Jesus' birth and His return. Hope is the focus of the first week, knowing that God will fulfill all His promises. We can trust in this, even when circumstances are difficult, because this hope is rooted in the faithfulness of the Lord.

I have found that students need more assistance with regulation and balance than ever. Students are challenged with the demands of school, family, time management, and relationships. These demands can become even more significant during the Christmas season. At Legacy Christian School, we remind students to turn their focus to the true gift of the season, Jesus.

Peace is the focus of the second week of advent. My pastor recently taught that spiritual peace comes not from the absence of conflict, but from the presence of Jesus. For students, gaining peace can mean a break from the pressures and routines of school, and working towards being quiet and still. The advent season helps us to cancel some of the noise of the world to find spiritual, relational, and emotional peace and calmness.

Advent is a season of preparation and waiting in the Christian faith. Many are familiar with advent calendars and counting down to the anticipated event, using chocolates, toys, or symbolic figures.

Joy is celebrated during the third week of advent. Joy is a choice, a lasting attitude that is based on knowing the Lord and Savior, not on circumstances.

The word advent means waiting or coming. Christians thousands of years ago were waiting for Jesus' birth and Christians today are awaiting His return. The period of advent is the four weeks leading up to Christmas and includes the values of hope, peace, joy, and love. Each week, we take time to prepare for the

Love is the central theme and is celebrated on the fourth week of advent. Love is a gift from God, and we can love others because of His love for us. Recognizing God's love through His actions and sending His son Jesus, helps us to understand His great love for us.

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Frank "Big Chief" Kendrick, 74, Indianapolis, passed away peacefully at home with his wife and children by his side after a short four-week fight with a rare aggressive sarcoma.



Frank was born to George and Odesta Kendrick on September 11, 1950, the seventh of nine children. Frank graduated from Arsenal Tech in 1970, where he was All-City as a Junior, an Indiana All Star and All American as a Senior. Frank was a proud Tech Titan, and was inducted in the Arsenal Tech Hall of Fame in 2020. Frank led the Indiana All Star Squad in both scoring and rebounding in two games versus the Kentucky All Stars where he was named Indianapolis Star, Star of Stars. Frank then went on to have an incredible career at Purdue University, where he was one of 55 players in Purdue Boilermaker history to amass 1,000 points, scoring 1,269 in three seasons. He was the Purdue MVP his junior and senior years, was All Big Ten his junior and senior years, and was a 1974 All American. Frank led his team to the 1974 NIT Championship where he was the NIT MVP. He was then drafted by the Golden State Warriors, where he won an NBA championship as a rookie and remained a lifelong Warriors fan.

businessman. Each child embodies his passion, intelligence, and congeniality that made Frank who he is.

The only thing he loved as fiercely as his children was his wife, Mieke. Frank's foray into European basketball landed him on the same team as a junior player named Bart, who quickly became a close friend. Frank swiftly became a quick addition to the Lambrecht kitchen table, so much so, that he fell in love with Bart's sister, Mieke. As many of you probably have experienced, he'd let anybody, ages 1 to 100, try on his NBA Championship ring. He wore that ring on the same finger as his wedding ring and even though everyone would want to try on the NBA ring, he'd never hesitate to point to his wedding band and say "This one is worth the most."

Pending the NBA/ABA merger, he decided to try his hand at playing in Europe, where he met his lovely wife, Mieke, and decided to stay and play professionally in Europe from 1975 to 1985, where their first son, Kristof, was born in March of 1984. They then moved back to the States where his little girl, Melanie, was born in January of '86. He was then hired as an Assistant Coach at Purdue, right as their youngest son, Emiel, was born in September of 1989. His time playing and coaching at Purdue were some of the best years of his life. His coaching and recruiting at Purdue helped lead the Boilers to win three straight outright Big Ten Titles in 1994, '95, and '96. At that point the '90s were the winningest decade in Purdue basketball history.

Frank's love and zest for life was what he was most known for. He always had a smile on his face, and was known for the mentality of "Everybody's my friend until they prove me otherwise." This mindset is what gave his children's friends the inspiration for the nickname "Big Chief" – he was the center of the town, the leader, the one everybody knew and loved. Words cannot adequately describe the impact Frank had on hundreds if not thousands of people throughout his life, and we won't even attempt to try.

He then became the Head Coach & Director of Basketball Operations for the Gary Steelheads, a CBA team, in 2000. Frank was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002 and the Purdue University Hall of Fame in 2016. He eventually slowed down in Fishers after running a successful organization of Kendrick Basketball Camps, giving private basketball lessons, and working as an Instructional Assistant at Noblesville High School before he officially retired in the summer of 2024.

Frank was predeceased by his beloved father and mother, George and Odesta Kendrick, as well as his siblings, George Webster Kendrick, Willa Bell Bacon Kendrick, Robert Kendrick, and David "Zeke" Kendrick.

He is survived by wife, Mieke (Lambrecht) Kendrick, oldest son, Kristof Kendrick (Paige), daughter, Judge Melanie Kendrick, and youngest son, Emiel Kendrick (Laura). Frank is also survived by his older sisters, Mary Kendrick Grandberry and Barbera Jean Oliver, younger sister, Elizabeth "Teach" Kendrick, and younger brother, James Kendrick, as well as many nieces and nephews he loved as his own, and hundreds of former players and mentees he treated like family.

Per Frank's wishes, he will be cremated. A Celebration of Life will be held at a time and location to be determined in late January.

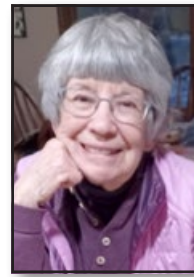
The family wishes to thank the IU Health doctors and nursing staff at University Hospital and especially IU Health Hospice care whose excellent nurses and staff assisted in the very loving care of Frank and the family so he could spend his last days at home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boys & Girls Clubs of Indianapolis, 615 Alabama St., Suite 400, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (bgcindy.org).

Condolences: randalloberts.com

Leneta Anne Harold Kitchel December 28, 1940 – September 9, 2024

Leneta Anne Harold Kitchel, 83, passed away on September 9, 2024. She was born on December 28, 1940, in front of a fireplace near the town of Chloe, W.V., the second child of Orvia Conley Harold and Harry Harold. Her brother, Lowell, had been born in 1935, and her sister, Reberta Kay, would be born in 1946.



In 1943, her family migrated to the Akron, Ohio, area for a better future and work in the munitions industry during the war. Leneta graduated from Tallmadge High School in 1958, and, after working for a year, followed a close friend in attending Manchester College, a Church of the Brethren school in North Manchester, Ind. She formed many lifelong friendships there, none more important than her future husband, Larry E. Kitchel, from Logansport. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree in English in 1963, planning to teach high school. Leneta and Larry married on July 6 of that year, and Larry finished his Business degree at the end of the fall semester.

of IBM in downtown Indianapolis. As their financial responsibilities shrank, Larry and Leneta took smaller and more flexible jobs to have more time for family and travel. Phil married Cindy Morrow Kitchel, and their sons are Max, now 22; Tom, now 19; and Sylvester, now 16. Laura married Dennis Bordenkecher, and they have a son, Alex, now 18, and a daughter, Erin, who did not survive to her birth.

When Larry and Leneta retired, travel became their life. They bought a tiny Scamp trailer big enough to sleep, cook, and if necessary, eat in. They drove all over the U.S. and Canada. They put 94,000 miles on the trailer alone, and countless more on their car when the trailer was parked. Leneta navigated with an atlas in her lap; Larry drove. Leneta often spotted unplanned stops that became highlights. They were campground hosts for a summer in the Black Hills, and they flew to Hawaii, Australia, and New Zealand, and drove and hiked all over those landscapes. They agreed that they had more fun than any two people are entitled to.

The couple moved to Elkhart, then Lafayette, where Leneta earned her Master's degree in English at Purdue University. In 1966, Leneta gave birth to their son, Phil, and in 1969, to their daughter, Laura. In early 1970, the family moved to Richmond, Ind., where Larry took a job with the IRS, and, settled in the Glen Hills neighborhood adjacent to the woods of the city park, they began to put down roots.

They cared for aging parents and mourned them when they passed. They celebrated new grandchildren and enjoyed great times and good meals with their children and their families. This summer they celebrated their 61st anniversary, and for their 60th, they took a riverboat cruise from Memphis up the Mississippi to the Ohio, east to the Cumberland, and up to Nashville.

Richmond is home to Earlham College, a Quaker school, and the Quaker community is active there. The family began attending West Richmond Friends Meeting, a church near the campus, and the family felt at home there. When the kids were both in school, Leneta took the position of the church's secretary. She did not teach English again, but this began an important new role. When the pastor retired, the church replaced him with a Ministry Team of leaders in the meeting, which included Leneta. The team rotated in leading meeting for worship on the facing bench, and they occasionally gave the message, which Leneta also did. The community at West Richmond and the courses Leneta took and the fellowship she shared at Earlham School of Religion were foundational for the rest of her life.

Leneta and Larry were life partners in every possible way. Their lives, careers, and family were always a shared enterprise, and they did almost everything together. But they worked so well as a unit because they were distinct as individuals. Leneta was thoughtful, calm, reflective, deliberate, patient. She was curious, intellectual, committed, passionate, and articulate. She was smart, sharp, and fiercely proud, but also modest and self-effacing. She stood out by not trying to. She had strong opinions and a stern, cold temper, and she did not tolerate foolishness, ignorance, carelessness, or unkindness. Real feelings mattered to her, but she was practical and unsentimental. She was always political, as an educated woman of her generation had to be, and she could be unashamedly partisan, as most of her times demanded. But she was also willing to change her mind when given a convincing argument. She was open, patient, a listener, and a learner. She was a kind, loving, fun, disciplined mother who showed her children how to grow up and live. She would have said she was an adequate cook.

The family lived in Richmond through the '70s, forming relationships at church and in the community. Larry and Leneta were active in the PTA and on the board of the small neighborhood swimming pool. They hosted and visited family and friends, celebrated holidays at home and with their parents in Akron and Logansport, and took several long driving vacations to the national parks both east and west. Together the Kitchels saw the country and celebrated personal milestones like hiking in the Grand Canyon and climbing Longs Peak in the Rocky Mountains.

She was also warm, caring, kind, loving, generous, adventurous, courageous, tough, and funny. She was sensitive and vulnerable. She loved real country music, early rock and roll, history, politics, and the most absurd comedy. She loved to laugh. She was an avid and lifelong reader of books and maps and news and letters. She eagerly shared all of her enthusiasms; she loved long conversations with people she loved.

In 1979, the family made the difficult decision to move north of Indianapolis for Larry to become the business manager of Conner Prairie Pioneer Settlement, a living museum operated by Earlham College. The couple would live in the same home for the next 40 years. Phil and Laura attended Hamilton Southeastern Schools and then went to Manchester College. Larry went on to work for the Farmer's Home Administration in the federal government, and Leneta spent many years as the executive secretary for a vice president

Leneta Kitchel was, first and finally, a great and true friend, and people could see and feel that upon meeting her and after knowing her for many years. She will be missed so much and remembered so well by her friends, her family, and her husband. In all the most meaningful ways, she will be with them always.

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William Richard Byrd August 24, 1959 – December 12, 2024

William Richard Byrd, 65, Indianapolis, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at Eskenazi Hospital in Indianapolis. He was born on August 24, 1959, to Charles "Charley" and Stella (Sanders) Byrd in Norton, Va.

William was a Noblesville High School graduate and retired from Sparkling Image Car Wash. He was a big dog lover and a KISS fan. He is survived by his sisters, Wyona Zetterberg and Susan Yvonne Mullins; brother, Nathan Martin Byrd; as well as several nieces and nephews.

William was preceded in death by his parents; aunts and uncles; and his beloved nephew, Drayson.

Visitation and services were held Saturday, December 21, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan St., Noblesville. Rev. Stanley R. Sutton officiated. Burial was at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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Obituaries

Kenneth 'Kenny' Whitesell 'Man of Faith'

September 13, 1962 – December 5, 2023

Kenny passed away peacefully on December 5, 2023, at River-view Hospital. Kenny was born on September 13, 1962, in Noblesville to James and Virginia Whitesell.



Kenny was a truck driver at Fleetpride. Kenny loved spending time with his son, daughter-in-law, and grandson. He enjoyed taking his family on car rides and sharing memorable childhood stories all over Hamilton County. Kenny also enjoyed spending time with his family at some of his favorite places, such as Pizza Shack, Jim Dandy, Forest Park, and Rural King.

Kenny is survived by his son Jacob Whitesell, daughter-in-law Shantel Whitesell, grandson Jacoby Whitesell, and his cat named Kitty. Kenny will be remembered for being a devoted son, father, papa, and friend and also his amazing ways of memorable storytelling, and lastly his love for Judge Judy.

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Jeffrey William Friar July 16, 1979 – December 5, 2024

Jeffrey William Friar, 45, passed away in his Fishers home, surrounded by loved ones after a courageous battle with brain cancer on December 5, 2024. He was born July 16, 1979, in Charleston, S.C., son of Jane Treacy (Mike Treacy – stepfather), Don Friar (Tracy Wade – stepmother and Debbie Friar – stepmother).



Jeff attended Hamilton Southeastern in Elementary and Junior High and was a 1998 graduate of Tri-West High School in Lizton, Ind. In his professional life, he worked primarily in the golf industry. He moved to Phoenix, Ariz., in 2008 to pursue a career in golf, where he earned a degree from the Golf Academy of America. He worked for many years in Scottsdale, Ariz., at Silverado Golf Course. In 2021, Jeff moved back to Indiana where he found his true passion as a golf instructor at the Golf School of Indiana building an adoring client base of golfers young and old.

Beginning at a young age, Jeff became passionate about sports and physical fitness. During his early years, he competed in many sports including soccer, wrestling and football – winning a State Title in 1997 with his high school football team. Jeff was an avid weightlifter his entire life. He won second place competing in a bodybuilding competition in 2016. Jeff's favorite sport became golf where he was a scratch golfer with several holes in one. He also loved the outdoors, particularly in Arizona where he hiked to the top of many local peaks and even summited the tallest in the state. His favorite team was always the Chicago Bears despite being from Indiana.

Personally, Jeff was always a crowd favorite because of his fun and outgoing personality. Naturally, he was crowned Homecoming King his senior year of high school. Jeff was very patient and was always a calming influence and the first to mediate any disagreement. He was a night owl staying up late into the night diving deep into favorite topics such as cars and spirituality. Jeff was a favorite uncle to his many nieces and nephews, and a favorite brother to his siblings.

Jeff also loved dogs, being especially fond of the family dog, Abbey, a Boston Terrier. He eventually had his own dog, Tiva, a Pitt Bull who recently preceded him in death.

Survivors include his parents, Jane Treacy and Don Friar, step-parents Michael Treacy, Tracy Wade and Debbie Friar; siblings, Jason Friar, Cole Treacy, Mariah Loyd, Wren Moffitt, Daniel Friar and Erin Friar; six nieces and nephews along with many loving friends and relatives.

Jeff was taken from us far too soon and we will miss him terribly. Family and friends gathered Wednesday, December 11, 2024, at Orchard Park Presbyterian Church, North Chapel, 1605 E. 106th St., Indianapolis, where the funeral service was held as well. Burial immediately followed at Carmel Cemetery. A reception took place back at the church, after the burial.

In memory of Jeff, contributions can be made to Community North MD Anderson (In Designation drop-down, please select Oncology Patient assistance) or to Lucci's House Bully Rescue (Go to "More" and then select "Ways to Help").

Bussell Family Funerals is privileged to assist the family in arrangements.

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GIFT

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I have had some success with those types of things that I have chased down, and some I have not. Trial and error but continuing to move forward. To me, "exercise" is swimming, water jogging, stretching, or even chores around the house certainly are exercise for me. Exercise for me does not have to mean what it means to a non-disabled person. It is what I make it, and it keeps me moving and motivated. I have no doubt that it has helped me.

One of the most defining and precious moments in my life was when my son Jack taught me how to run when I was 45 years old. He taught me to run in the water. I am so glad we captured that beautiful moment on video. Even though I had watched others run my whole life, I had no idea how to do it. He was 12 at the time. He was so kind, gentle, patient and encouraging. It took my breath away. I was in awe of that mo-

ment. Since then, I have been consistent, and I have improved so much. I never thought I would have the chance to "run" in my lifetime. It was not the way I had daydreamed about so many times throughout my life, but even better. It was my way.

It takes humble courage to accept that your way may not look like most around you. It takes confidence to regularly commit to something grueling. I cannot ignore the fact that I have the gift of movement that so many long for. I want to protect it, and honor it for as long as I have it. I always say, do whatever you can, however you can. You may just surprise yourself.

Until next time ...
Amy Shinneman is a former National Ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, disability blogger, wife, and mom of two boys. You can find her blog at humblycourageous.com and reach her on Instagram @ashinneman.

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Linda Lou Mendenhall

October 8, 1936 – December 14, 2024



Linda Lou Mendenhall, 88, Westfield, passed away on Saturday, December 14, 2024, at Compassus Hospice in Indianapolis. She was born on October 8, 1936, to Ernest and Martha (Macy) Kirkman in Indianapolis.

For 25 years, Linda worked for Westfield Elementary School's cafeteria, retiring as Head Cook. She enjoyed quilting, baking, and decorating cakes. Linda was also a talented artist, having learned oil painting by watching artists on television.

She is survived by her son, Timothy J. Mendenhall (Kathy Blackford); daughter, Tina J. Mendenhall (Kevin Faulkner); grandsons, James Mendenhall (Jenn Hagen) and Isaac Mendenhall (Jana Jin); sister, Sue Trent; and her brother, Charles Kirkman.

In addition to her parents, Linda was preceded in death by her husband, James F. Mendenhall; and her infant siblings, Jimmy and Joyce.

Visitation and services were held Friday, December 20, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Chaplain Christopher Suder officiated. Burial was at Summit Lawn Cemetery in Westfield.

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Adrian Luis August Graham

November 23, 2004 – December 11, 2024



Adrian Luis August Graham, 20, passed away on December 11, 2024, at Riley Children's Hospital after his battle with leukemia. He was born on November 23, 2004, in Indianapolis.

Adrian was a source of laughter to all that he spent time with. He loved playing basketball (especially shooting 3's), spending time outdoors, and playing guitar. He was an attentive and fun-loving brother, a loyal friend, and a thoughtful listener. He was known for his contagious smile and frequent, warm hugs. He graduated high school from New Morning Christian Homeschool in 2023. Adrian accepted Jesus Christ into his life and we find comfort in the confidence that we will see him again. He attended and was loved by the Indianapolis Apostolic Christian Church.

He is survived by his parents Ben and Suzanne Graham; Tristan (sister), Elias (brother), Mikaya (sister), Claire (sister), Cutler (brother), and Locklen (brother). Also survived by Shane Davis (brother), Angel Davis (sister), Tanika Davis (birth mother), Virginia Zeller (grandmother), and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his beloved "Mamaw," Christine Davis (grandmother); Dick and Jeanette Graham (grandparents), Brandon Graham (uncle) and H. Eric Zeller (grandfather).

Services were held Friday, December 20, 2024, at Apostolic Christian Church, 7540 E. 71st St., Indianapolis. Visitation took place Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, with an additional visitation on Friday. Burial followed at Union Chapel Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers please send memorial contributions to Foundation for the Marooned (foundationforthemarooned.org).

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Brian Alan Hoffman

March 17, 1977 – December 9, 2024



Brian Alan Hoffman, 47, Sheridan, passed away unexpectedly on Monday evening, December 9, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Westfield. Born March 17, 1977, in Indianapolis, he was the son of Charles Alan "Pete" Hoffman and Marianna (Pettigrew) Hoffman.

After graduating from Clinton Central High School with the Class of 1996, Brian hit the ground running. For 10 years he worked as an electrician with Jones Electric. He was also the owner and operator of LB Engineering, where he worked as a machinist. Brian also took great pride in his gunsmithing abilities, a true labor of love.

Brian loved everything the great outdoors had to offer, no matter what weather Mother Nature offered up. Every season had something to offer, and Brian was always ready to soak up as much as he could. Hunting (including mushroom hunting) was always at the top of the list, and there was a special place in his soul that was reserved for hitting the open road on the Harley. Brian also had a competitive side as well, and as you could have guessed, it involved being outside. Competitive shooting and tractor pulls were among his favorites.

Though he had many interests in his life, his true passion was his family. If the kids were involved in it, it became his new favorite activity. Brian loved watching and following their sporting adventures. From basketball games to Karate matches, he was always there, taking in every moment. And when it was time for some quality family alone time, trips to the beaches of Michigan were a welcomed adventure.

Brian had a deep love for the land, and an even deeper love for his family and friends. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Brian is survived by his loving wife, Deanna (Fisher) Hoffman. She and Brian were married on July 14, 2007. Also surviving is his mother, Marianna (Pettigrew) Hoffman; son, Charles Waylon Hoffman of Sheridan; daughter, Morgan Irene Hoffman of Sheridan; sister, Jessica L. Hoffman of Jacksonville, Fla.; two nieces, Kenadi Warm and Ronna White; nephew, Drew Warm; and by his maternal grandfather, Shirley Arnold Pettigrew of Kirklin.

He was preceded in death by his father, Charles Alan "Pete" Hoffman; paternal grandparents, Charles A. "Chuck" Hoffman and Pauline H. (King) Hoffman-Fox; step-grandfather, Robert Fox; and maternal grandmother, Mary Arlene Pettigrew.

Visitation and a celebration of Brian's were held Monday evening, December 16, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan. Pastor Rich Barker officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the American Heart Association.

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Roger L. Farmer

August 18, 1941 – December 10, 2024



Roger L. Farmer was born to Donald and Gladys (Kephart) Farmer in Iowa City, Iowa, on August 18, 1941. He passed away on December 10, 2024, at the age of 83 at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis where he was receiving treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia.

After graduating from Hazleton High School in Hazleton, Iowa, in 1959, he enlisted into the United States Marine Corps where he achieved the rank of Lance Corporal. While serving his country as a radio operator, LCpl Farmer participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis and was stationed throughout East Asia. After returning stateside, his last duty station was at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune. Sadly, he was exposed to hazardous materials at Camp Lejeune, which caused his AML.

In 1968, Roger married Marie (Voss) at St. Patrick's Church in Monona, Iowa. They had three children, Jacqueline, Stephanie, and Jeffery. As Vice President of International Sales in the two-way radio communication industry, he traveled the world and always enjoyed sharing stories of his past travels. He retired in 2021 after 25 years with CNO Financial Group, formerly Consec Insurance Company.

Roger adored his four grandchildren, Sophia, Jack, Lauren, and Willow. "G-pa" attended as many of his grandchildren's extracurricular events as he was able. He shared his love of gardening, storytelling, speech writing, and sports with each of them. His four grandchildren filled his heart with love every day and he cherished the time he spent with each of them.

As an avid reader, he enjoyed reading books about World War II. He liked watching Westerns, Purdue sports, and playing card games. He enjoyed telling a story, giving impromptu speeches and making those around him smile with his quick wit and intellect. He was the co-founder of the Hook, Line and Sinkers Club which later became the ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) Group. Roger always enjoyed his Thursday breakfasts with this group of men, sharing stories of their past and arguing over the finer things in life. This group always lifted his spirits no matter how sick he might have been.

Marie and the family would like to thank the many doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and techs at the Richard L. Roudebush VA who provided extraordinary and compassionate care. He was a favorite at the hospital where he was known for his fun socks and quick mastery of his scooter. We know that he held a special place in his heart for everyone he knew there. You made his final years easier on him and for that we will be forever grateful.

Roger was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Donald Farmer, his sister Maxine Wall, and his son-in-law John Christopher Sciaudone.

Roger is survived by his wife of 56 years, Marie; his daughters, Jacqueline Farmer and Stephanie Sciaudone; his son, Jeffery (Jennifer) Farmer; his grandchildren, Sophia, Jack, Lauren Sciaudone, and Willow Farmer; his sister, Delores Bartz; several nieces and nephews; and his fur babies, Henry, George, Paisley, and Piper.

Father Thomas Haan will preside over funeral services for Roger at 11 a.m. December 27, 2024, at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church in Noblesville. Visitation will precede the service and will begin at 10 a.m. A military burial and Celebration of Life will be held on June 14, 2025.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Administration Hospital in Indianapolis or Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

In Roger's memory please consider donating blood to your local blood bank.

Roger, Dad, G-pa you will be deeply missed.

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Eugene Sigurd Monks

October 19, 1934 – December 12, 2024



Eugene Sigurd Monks, 90, Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, December 12, 2024, at his home. He was born on October 19, 1934, to Charles and Anna (Mealy) Monks in Oil City, Pa.

Gene was an electrical engineer and worked 30 years for Republic Steel as the superintendent for the finishing inspection and shipping departments (FIS) where he developed novel nondestructive testing systems for the inline inspection of steel bars, coils, rods, tubes, plates and billets. After retirement from Republic Steel, he did a brief stint at Lone Star Steel in Texas before joining General Electric Aircraft Engines in Evandale, Ohio, where he was responsible for developing inspection techniques for military aircraft engines, having visited every U.S. ally's Air Forces to train them in the inspection processes to assure air worthiness and readiness.

Gene met the love of his life, Dorothy Gallaher, in 1953 in Elwood City, Pa., marrying the following year on August 21, 1954. He was very proud to have celebrated their 70th anniversary of marriage this year and having turned 90 in October. Gene loved spending time with Dorothy and their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He was an active member at numerous churches through the years, serving many duties at First Christian Church Lansing, Ill., First Church of Christ Highland, Ind., White River Christian Church Noblesville, and finally Venture Church Noblesville.

Gene is survived by his wife, Dorothy Monks; four sons, Greg (Sue) Monks, Brian (Debi) Monks, Mark (Ruth) Monks, and Jeff Monks; 22 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert Monks and William Monks; sisters, Beverly Tyson and Sandra Laurain; and his grandsons, Bradley Monks and Chase Monks.

Visitation and services were held Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, Noblesville. Timothy Monks officiated. Burial was at Sylvania Hills Mausoleum in New Brighton, Pa.

Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Children's Foundation, P.O. Box 3356, Indianapolis, IN 46206-3356 (rileykids.org).

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Richard Lee

September 30, 1942 – December 11, 2024



Richard Lee, 82, Sheridan, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, December 11, 2024, at Riverview Hospital in Noblesville. Born on September 30, 1942, in Indianapolis, he was the son of the late Paul Howard and Mary Ann (Dee) Lee.

He was a 1961 graduate of Sheridan High School, and a faithful attendant of the Sheridan First Christian Church.

Richard honorably served his country as a soldier in the United States Army. During part of his time in the service, he was stationed in Germany.

A tinkerer at heart, Richard could fix just about anything you put in front of him. He learned by doing – take it apart, see what was wrong, fix it, and put it back together (hopefully). It sounds so simple, but it takes quite a bit of tinkering, over quite a few years, to get it right. Years of experience is part of the secret, and Richard spent those years fixing and building things, surrounded by people who had years of experience under their own belts.

He worked for several years at Warren Millikan's Sinclair Station in Sheridan, learning the ins and outs of things before going to work at Hare Chevrolet in Noblesville. Richard also worked for 30 years as a machinist and internal grinder for Biddle Precision Components in Sheridan. These skills were put to excellent use out in the garage, where he loved to restore antique cars and Corvettes. He also spent many, many hours working on his moped and loved every minute of it. Richard loved zooming all over the place on that thing.

When it was time to relax, he could often be found watching an old western or one of his sci-fi favorites, like *Star Trek*.

Richard had a patient and easy-going nature, a strong faith that helped guide every decision he made, and a kind and gentle soul that could instantly put you at ease, quietly letting you know that everything was going to work itself out. When it came to his family, he loved them more than anything in this world, especially when it came to his grandson.

Richard is survived by his loving wife, Elizabeth Ann "Beth" (Bundy) Lee. She and Richard were married on August 10, 1975, and would spend the next 49 years by each other's side. He is also survived by his daughter, Kari E. Lee (Bob Thorn) of Sheridan; grandson, Shane M. Joyner of Sheridan; two sisters, Carol Gerber (Jim) of Lapel and Rebecca Lunde (Lynn) of Florida; brother-in-law, Michael B. Bundy (Malinda) of Sheridan; sister-in-law, Emily K. Pearson of Cicero; nieces and nephews, Avery Bundy of Sheridan, Autumn Hoffman (Parker) of Flora, Jennifer Gerber of Lapel, and Myron Gerber of Pendleton; two great-nephews, Brandon Gerber, and Callan Hoffman; and by his special friends, Jeannie McKay, Marinda McKay, Benny Gray, Kathy Gray, and their wonderful families.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Paul Howard and Mary Ann (Dee) Lee; his sister, Lorna Hess; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William T. and Mary K. Bundy; brother-in-law, Jimmie "Finney" Pearson; and by his canine BFF, Sissy.

Richard's family asks that you help honor his memory by dressing casually for his funeral. This was one of his final requests.

Services with military honors will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday, December 19, 2024, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th St., Sheridan, with visitation from noon until the time of service. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor VJ Stover will be officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to the Sheridan First Christian Church, 107 W. 3rd St., Sheridan, IN 46069.

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Michael Dean Mundy

August 7, 1943 – December 17, 2024



Michael Dean Mundy, a devoted husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully in his sleep on the morning of Tuesday, December 17, 2024. He was born August 7, 1943, in Anderson, Ind., the son of Jahue and June Mundy. Michael lived a life full of passion, family, and love.

Mike was a graduate of Anderson University and continued to support the Ravens throughout his life. As a profession, Mike founded Fessler Insurance Agency, before moving to MJ Insurance where he worked until retiring.

Michael's enthusiasm for baseball, particularly his beloved Dodgers, was unmatched. He found joy in coaching with the Indiana Bulls and attending countless baseball games with those he loved. In his retirement, Mike loved working for Bullpen Tournaments at Grand Park. Sundays were often reserved for cheering on the Colts, creating cherished family memories that will live on forever. A man of great personality and character, Michael was also known for his vast and impressive hat collection – a true reflection of his vibrant spirit.

Through the later years of his life, he discovered a profound and lasting love of the Lord. This devout faith helped guide him and his family through both the joyous and difficult days.

Michael is survived by his loving wife, Teri Mundy, who stood faithfully by his side. His legacy lives on through his sons: David Mundy and his wife Megan, along with their children, Makenna and Mason; and Jay Mundy and his wife Lindsey, along with his stepson, Kaeden.

He is also lovingly remembered by Teri's children: Rusty Nienaber, Sara VanSlambrook, and Mark Nienaber, who brought additional joy to his life.

Michael's impact as a husband, father, and friend will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew him. His love of life, family, and baseball will be celebrated as a legacy of dedication, laughter, and unwavering love.

A Memorial Mass for Mike was held Saturday, December 21 at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis, with visitation prior. Private inurnment was at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to either Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Home, 5353 E. 56th St., Indianapolis, IN 46226; or to St. Pius X Church, 7200 Sarto Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46240; or to Anderson University / Charles Gang at athletics.anderson.edu/give.

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Consider Jesus

On December 25, many will be celebrating Christmas. I love this holiday. It is a time filled with family and friends. Despite Christmas not being a divinely given holiday (not found in the Bible) and is highly unlikely the day He was born, I appreciate that Jesus is on people's minds.

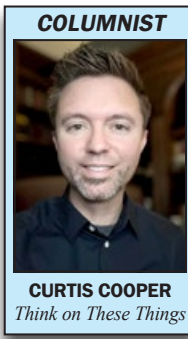
In fact, the Bible encourages us to be focused on Jesus at all times of the year and not just once or twice.

One theme of Hebrews is looking to, considering, seeing, fixing our eyes, and not losing sight of Jesus (Heb 2:9; 3:1; 12:2-3, etc.). The writer's point is if we do, then we will realize He is worth coming to (Heb 13:13). But for us to see that we must consider more than just baby Jesus, and the book of Hebrews does an excellent job at pointing out some things we need to focus on about Him. Let us consider a few of those ...

Jesus is God's Prophet

God has spoken in a lot of different ways throughout history, but today God speaks to you and me through Jesus (Heb 1:1-4). That makes Jesus a prophet different from all the other prophets before Him. This makes Jesus THE PROPHET! Moses was a prophet of God to the Israelites but predicted God would send a prophet like Moses (but greater) that would come later (Dt 18:15-20).

The whole Bible is about what God did throughout human history to bring us to the moment where Jesus would be the center figure of our attention. Every word, shadow, foreshadow, image, promise, command, in-



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struction, all of it pointed us to THE ONE God would speak through. God spoke to the fathers, like Abraham, whose promises pointed to Jesus. God spoke through the prophets (like Isaiah) whose preaching (writing) pointed to Jesus. (like Is 9 & 53).

Jesus is our Priest

Jesus had to be made like us to be a faithful and merciful High Priest. One that could aid people like us who are tempted (Heb 2:14-18). What we needed was a Savior who not only had the power to do it, but the COMPASSION to do it.

Did you realize Jesus knows what it is like to be you? He knows what it is like to be tempted, to have weakness, to be poor, to struggle with family relationships, to suffer, etc. To serve God on our behalf, He had to learn what it was like to walk in our shoes and to share in our nature.

Because of that, we can/should do two things: 1. Hold fast our confession. 2. And boldly draw near to the very throne of God (Heb 4:14-16; 10:19-25). How awesome is that?

Jesus is our King

He upholds all things with the words of His power and sat down at the right hand of the Majesty (Heb 1:3-4). His throne is forever (Heb 1:8-9). Those are all statements about His Kingship. Revelation 1:12-18 describes His awesome majesty! He is the King of Kings, Lord of Lords (1 Tim 6:15; Rev 19:16). But is He our King? Is He Lord of our life?

Jesus is God's Lamb

He is this perfect lamb without spot or wrinkle (He-

brews 9, 10). Every lamb, every blood offering in the Old Testament was just a shadow that pointed us to the ultimate sacrifice, the Lamb of God, who would wash the sins of the world (cf. Jn 1:29). In Isaiah 53, God's suffering servant is a sacrificial lamb being led to slaughter, "baring our sins." In Revelation 4, the lion of Judah (Jesus) humbles himself to be a lamb that was slain and overcome the dragon/Satan (Rev 12:11). In Hebrews, Jesus is not only the priest entering the holiest of holies to make atonement for the people, but he is the lamb taking away their sins. God laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all and the punishment that our sins deserved we no longer have to face because He bore our sins and died in our place (1 Pt 2:24, Isa. 53:10, 2 Cor. 5:21).

So, how do you see Jesus? If He is speaking for God, then we better start paying attention to Him! If He is serving God on our behalf, then we need to let Him! If He is reigning as King, then we need to submit and come to Him! If we are convicted His blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins (Mt 26:28), then we need to respond as God instructed by repentance and baptism for the forgiveness of our sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16).

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The gift of giving

The true meaning of Christmas

We are at the point in the season where Christmas break is a mere few days away and the excitement is palpable. Being the mom of two little ones and teaching first grade, we are knee-deep in elves, hoping for what Santa will bring, sugar cookies, and all things magic.

While my husband and I try to impress on our children that the true meaning of Christmas is the birth of Jesus, they cannot help but dream about Christmas morning and the hopeful presents that await. We've got our Christmas pj's ready to go and are chomping at the bit for an excuse to have another cup of hot cocoa and watch yet another classic movie.

As much as my husband and I try to refocus the attention of our children on the birth of Jesus, we also try to use this time as an opportunity to remind our kids that there are other people in the world, too. If there is one thing, I want my kids to not only understand is that yes, it's exciting to have Santa come and be spoiled by Grandma, but nothing



COLUMNIST

MEGAN RATHZ

When Nature Speaks

feels better than giving to others. Like many other families, we take our children to the toy store and have them buy toys for other children in need. We talk about the children who will receive the gifts they purchase and try to instill in them a sense of not only giving, but also gratitude. It's hard because they are still little and while we don't want to rob them too much of their innocence, they do need to realize that they are blessed and to whom much is given, much is expected.

My heart was touched when I saw the excitement on their faces when picking out toys for others that they will likely never meet. They didn't ask for anything for themselves and understood that the shopping trip was not about them. I want my kids to understand that giving is where we receive a full heart.

I also want them to understand and appreciate the gift of time they have with their family. They will not remember the toys they got this Christmas as an adult. They will remember the traditions spent with their

family, and hopefully, instill in their own children a spirit of giving and gratitude for the time they have with loved ones.

This holiday season is an extra special one because my nephew, Noah, who was adopted this year, will be part of the memories we make as a family. The kids finally have a "cousin crew." I cannot wait for the cousins to be in their matching pajamas on Christmas Eve and to enjoy a beautiful spread on Christmas Eve at my sister's house. I treasure the time watching them hear *The Night Before Christmas* read to them, and watching my sister finally get her turn to be a mom on Christmas morning.

May this Christmas be one of giving, gratitude, and peace. Do not lose sight of what the day and season is about. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

Megan Rathz is a wife, mother, and teacher. She says everything she has ever learned in life came from her Master Gardener mother.

ADVENT

As students and adults alike reflect on these four values during the Advent season, we are drawn closer to Christ. We are also challenged to share these values with others. I would encourage you to reflect on times when you have been blessed with great hope, peace, joy, or love in your life. Tell the stories of these time to others to encourage them. We can love others

more deeply through the Christmas season by drawing close to Christ and always leading with love.

Use this season to prepare your hearts and minds for Christmas, but also for the life ahead. Let the truths of advent sit with you all year. Let them encourage you and challenge you to live out these values with your life, thoughts, and actions. Merry Christmas in

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the waiting! Stacy Peters is a teacher, mother, and wife. She has an undergraduate degree from Purdue University, a Masters of Teaching from Marion University, and has worked in public and private education for over 20 years. She is passionate about nurturing a love of learning, service, and Jesus in children. She and her family reside in Noblesville.

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Girls Basketball

Millers come back to edge Shamrocks in HCC play

By CRAIG ADKINS
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE – Saturday afternoon spelled out exactly how the last 10 meetings have gone between Westfield and Noblesville. The two Hoosier Crossroads Conference rivals have split those matchups 5-5.

This matinee battle would be no different. The Shamrocks led and controlled the tempo for the first three quarters, but it would be the Millers staging quite the comeback in the fourth, edging Westfield 53-51 in league play.

Westfield got off to a quick start and shot the ball well. Meg Hamilton and Aubrey Crockett each knocked down a three that were each followed by a basket and two free throws from Meredith Tippner. Sam Price made it 8-4 and Nobles-

ville's C.C. Quigley cut it to 8-6 at the end of one.

"For the most part, that's what we worked on the last couple of days, obviously," said third-year Westfield head coach Kelsey Steele. "We played Avon first and then we prepped these last couple of days for Noblesville. They're really athletic and pressure you. We talked about finding holes, helping people out within the traps."

"They were awesome. Coach always does a great job. I think she's so good and their kids are all fundamentally sound. They're going to play hard and they defend really well. They came in hot, having won five in a row. We definitely had our hands full to come back on a team like that," 17th-year Noblesville head coach Donna Buckley said.

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Boys Basketball



Westfield's Jalen Malone (left) guards Noblesville's Baron Walker during the Shamrocks-Millers boys basketball game last Friday. Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Rocks pull ahead of Millers, follow up by beating Bethesda

By RICHIE HALL
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WESTFIELD – The Westfield boys basketball team prevailed in an all-county battle with Noblesville last Friday, winning 57-50 at the Shamrocks' CSI Gymnasium.

The Millers took an

initial early lead, but Westfield's long-range shooting helped the 'Rocks get in front by halftime. Westfield then held the lead for the entire second half.

"Very physical game," said Shamrocks coach Shane Sumpter. "Every time we play Noblesville, it's a grind-it-out type of

game. And it's a great game every year that we play them, every time that we play them, and tonight was no different."

The Millers led 7-2 in the first quarter. Baron Walker made a layin, TJ Davidson hit a 3-pointer and Aiden Brewer scored on a putback. Westfield respond-

ed with two 3-pointers: Will Harvey made the first one and Drew Haffner nailed the second triple, putting the 'Rocks up 8-7 at the end of one.

The second quarter was back and forth. Ryan Vctor and Brewer both made

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Sheridan's Kenzie Garner scored 28 points during the Blackhawks' win over Tri-West last Tuesday. Photo by Dwight Casler

Blackhawks score back-to-back wins over Tri-West & Tipton

By RICHIE HALL
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SHERIDAN – The Sheridan girls basketball team is presently 9-1 for the season, so the Blackhawks have proven they can win.

Last week, Sheridan proved its toughness in a different way. The Blackhawks had a busy stretch, with four games in three nights at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium. But Sheridan won all of them big: the Class 2A 'Hawks took down 3A Tri-West 68-49 last Tuesday, came back to beat Tipton 55-18 last Wednesday, then cruised past Eastern 72-15 last Friday in a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

On top of the multiple games, the Blackhawks were also preparing for finals, which took place last Thursday and Friday.

"So, not only do they have the physical and mental load of basketball, but they also have a mental load of having to show up for finals and do good on those," said Sheridan coach Jaidlin Bradshaw. "They've done a great job."

The 'Hawks got off to a great start last Tuesday against Tri-West, leading 26-13 after the first quarter. Senior Kenzie Garner was on fire in that quarter, draining four 3-pointers on her way to 14 points. Cecilia Timme helped out with six points.

Sheridan led 38-24 at halftime, with Garner hitting two more triples. The Blackhawks' defense took over in the third period, outscoring the Bruins 16-6 and giving the home team a 54-30 lead.

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Blackhawks take down Eastern & Frankfort, boast 6-1 record

By RICHIE HALL
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SHERIDAN – The Sheridan boys basketball team is off to a strong start this year, having compiled a 6-1 record so far this season.

The Blackhawks added to their win total with two very different victories last weekend. Last Friday, Sheridan rolled past Eastern 83-49 for a Hoosier Heartland Conference win at Larry Hobbs Gymnasium. The next night, the 'Hawks trailed Frankfort at halftime, but rallied for a 53-43 victory over the Hot Dogs in another home game.

Sheridan took care of business early against the Eastern Comets, leading 18-5 after one quarter. The Blackhawks outscored Eastern in each quarter, pouring in 21 second-period points for a 39-20 lead. Sheridan went into another gear in the third quarter, with 26 points, finishing that period with a 65-32 advantage. The

'Hawks are unbeaten in the HHC at 3-0.

Two Blackhawks players topped the 20-point mark. Caleb Wright nailed five 3-pointers on his way to 27 points, while Trey Page threw in seven 3s while scoring 25 points. Devon Hamilton added 14 points. Chance Spencer led the rebounds with six and Hamilton collected five. Sheridan had 23 team assists on 31 made baskets; Wright dished out six assists, followed by Spencer and Hamilton with five each and Dayne Voegel with four.

The 'Hawks got off to another good start against the Hot Dogs, leading 12-5 after the first quarter. Wright scored seven of those points. Sheridan went up 15-8 early in the second quarter when Wright hit a triple.

But Frankfort came back in the second quarter, going on a 16-5 run to lead 24-20 at halftime. The Hot

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Sheridan's Trey Page (14) scored 25 points for the Blackhawks during their win over Eastern last Friday. Photo by Allison Waitt

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Girls Basketball

Greyhounds hold off North Central

The REPORTER

The Carmel girls basketball team held off a comeback by host North Central last Friday, getting a 49-45 victory in its lone game of the week.

The Greyhounds led 12-5 after one quarter, then pulled further ahead in the second period, leading 31-16 at halftime. The Panthers cut Carmel's lead to 39-33 after three quarters, but the 'Hounds were able to hold on in the fourth.

Izzy Shepherd scored 17 points, including five 3-pointers. Izabella Ramsey and Mallory Bourquein both added nine points.

Mackenzie Woods led the rebounds with nine, followed by six for Madison Wallace, five for Sydney Bonds and four for Lauren Perry. Bourquein dished out five assists, with Woods and Wallace each handing out four.

The 'Hounds are 6-5 for the season and play Saturday at the Walt Raines Classic at Franklin Community. Carmel takes on Jennings County in the first game at 10 a.m., with the Grizzly Cubs hosting South Bend Washington at noon. The consolation game is set for 4 p.m. and the championship game tips off at 6 p.m.

Golden Eagles get two solid wins

The REPORTER

Guerin Catholic's girls basketball team won two games last week.

First, the Golden Eagles got a solid road victory on Wednesday, beating New Palestine 50-43. GC started strong, leading 15-10 after one quarter. Ava Bills poured in 10 points in the opening period, including two 3s. Bills continued to roll in the second quarter, adding another 10 points and helping Guerin Catholic to a 30-20 halftime lead.

The third quarter belonged to the Golden Eagles' defense, which held the Dragons to three points. Guerin Catholic led 40-23 after three periods; Annie Murphy scored five points. New Pal made a comeback

in the fourth, but GC was able to hold the Dragons off, with Murphy scoring another five points.

Bills made four 3-pointers on her way 23 points. Murphy totaled 10 points, while Lillian Behrle added seven points.

The Golden Eagles got a history-making performance out of Bills last Friday at the Eagles Nest while beating Purdue Polytechnic Englewood 54-50. Bills scored 36 points, breaking the record for most points scored in a single game.

Guerin Catholic is 7-5 and is off this week. The Golden Eagles' next games are Thursday, Jan. 2 at University, and a Saturday, Jan. 4 home contest against Perry Meridian.

Royals overcome Tigers at Mudsock

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern girls basketball team beat Fishers 47-34 last Friday at the Fishers Event Center to win the Mudsock Trophy.

The Tigers jumped out to an 11-3 lead after the first quarter, with Riley Schellhammer scoring eight, including a pair of 3-pointers. The Royals came back in the second period, cutting Fishers' lead to 15-13 by halftime.

Southeastern took the lead in the third quarter and held a 29-26 advantage after three. Maya Makalusky got six points during that period. The Royals' defense took over in the fourth, outscoring the Tigers 18-8.

Makalusky scored 12 points for Southeastern, with Kennedy Holman scoring 10. Kayla Stidham added eight points, including two 3s.

Schellhammer scored 17 points to lead the Tigers, making four triples. Nevaeh Dickman totaled 12 points.

The Royals are 13-0 for the season and also improved to 4-0 in Hoosier Crossroads Conference play. Southeastern will travel to New Castle on Friday for the Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic and

will be one of three unbeaten teams participating. The Royals play South Knox, the No. 1 Class 2A team at 14-0, in a 12:45 p.m. first-round game.

No. 1-ranked and defending 4A state champion Lawrence Central (13-0) plays Homestead (11-1) in the opening game at 11 a.m. The consolation game is set for 6 p.m., with the championship at 7:45 p.m.

Fishers won a hard-fought game last Monday at Pendleton Heights, 48-47.

The game was tied 11-11 after the first quarter, with the Tigers jumping ahead 26-22 by halftime. The Arabians came back in the third period to lead 36-35, and led 47-46 with seconds to go, but Makayla Triplett made a rebound basket at the buzzer to get Fishers the win.

Dickman led the Tigers with 22 points, also collecting five rebounds. Allison Scheu reached double-double status with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Schellhammer added six points, while Triplett scored five.

Fishers is 2-2 in conference play and 9-5 overall. The Tigers travel to Washington on Friday to play Evansville Central.

Heights falls to Kokomo, rebounds over Blackford

The REPORTER

Hamilton Heights girls basketball is in rebuilding mode this season, but the foundation seems to be getting stronger for the Huskies.

After picking up their first two wins of the season in home games, the Huskies finished their three-game homestand last Tuesday by falling to Kokomo 58-37.

The Wildkats led 14-4 after the first quarter, but the Huskies came back in the second period, cutting Kokomo's lead to 21-18 by halftime. Freshman Sarah Sherrill had eight first-half points, while senior Katie Brown scored seven in the second quarter.

The Wildkats took control of the game in the third quarter, outscoring Heights 24-6. Brown and Sherrill were the leading scorers for the game, as each totaled 12 points.

New roles

After the game, first-year Huskies coach Erin Trimpe talked about the team and how the players are "stepping up into new roles."

"We are starting two freshmen, two sophomores and a senior," said Trimpe. "We're throwing kids into things and asking them to do things that they've never done before. And so the development from all of them has been really, really impressive to me."

Trimpe said that at the beginning of the season, she talked to Brown, the lone senior on the team.

"I've never had to be that leader before," Brown



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

Hamilton Heights' Katie Brown (3) and Sarah Sherrill (left) each scored 12 points for the Huskies during their game with Kokomo last Tuesday.

told Trimpe. "I've always been the younger one who followed a really solid group of seniors, so what can I do to help?"

"She and I talk quite a bit about leadership and what she can do," said Trimpe. "She's just shown a lot of growth in that and it's made a huge difference on and off the court for our team."

Sherrill, a 6-foot freshman, has already provided some good minutes for the Huskies. Trimpe told Sherrill after the game that it was the best game she's played from a full-game standpoint.

"She's come such a long way," said Trimpe. "She has worked a lot with our assistant coach Stephanie Hoane on just getting solid

in her post moves and being a little bit balanced. Obviously she's got great size and she's got great hands, it's just those back to basket moves and she's dedicated a lot of time to practice, and her growth and her development over the past couple weeks has been a lot of fun to see."

Trimpe also mentioned Presley Cherry as someone that's done well so far, hitting shots and helping out Brown with the ball-handling. Reece Blanton, at 5-4, has become the team's leading rebounder; Trimpe said "she knows how to get her body in there and just play through everything."

The Huskies got another victory last Saturday, beating Blackford on the

road 48-29. Heights jumped out to a 12-3 lead after one quarter, then went up 28-15 by halftime. The Huskies sealed the game with a 13-6 third quarter for a 41-21 lead.

Brown scored 19 points and made five steals. Sherrill added 13 points and collected five rebounds, while Abi Hilfiker had nine points and nine rebounds. Haley Barr pulled five rebounds.

The Huskies are 3-10 for the season and play in a one-day tournament at Waldron Friday. Heights takes on Union County in a first-round game at noon, following the opener between Franklin County and Waldron. The consolation and championship games both take place at 4 p.m.

SCORE

Garner finished the game with 28 points, making seven 3s. She was one of four Sheridan players to reach double figures: Shelby Eaton scored 13, Timme added 12 and Nova Cross totaled 10, including a pair of 3s.

The Blackhawks continued to roll last Wednesday against Tipton, leading 15-4 after the opening quarter and 27-6 at halftime. Garner scored 10 first-half points, while Eaton scored six.

Eaton scored another

four points in the third quarter, including a rebound basket that gave the 'Hawks a 46-11 lead and instituted a running clock with just over a minute to go in the quarter. Mackenzie Smith also had four points in the third.

Eaton and Smith both come off the bench, and Bradshaw said it's "so nice to be able to sub and just have a spark off the bench" for Sheridan.

"What we bring in off the bench, we don't lose anything, right?" said Brad-

shaw. "So, they come in and they bring a different look, but we're not losing anything. It's awesome. The hustle plays that we get from Mac and Shelby, the rebounding, the jumping on the floor, just those little things."

Garner and Eaton both tied for high-scoring honors with 12 points each, while Smith scored 10. Cross had eight points, making two 3s.

Sheridan finished its busy week with an easy victory over the Comets. The

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Blackhawks led 53-6 at halftime. Kenzie Garner scored 26 points, with Brielle Garner and Sadie Timme each adding 10 points. Cecilia Timme scored nine points.

Sheridan is 4-0 in conference action and 10-1 overall. The 'Hawks will host their own tournament on Friday, playing Seeger at noon in a first-round game. Tri-Central plays Eastern Hancock in the other first-round contest. The consolation and championship game are both set for 5 p.m.

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Kate Rollins tied it 8-8 to start the second. Sam Price grabbed an offensive rebound and put it back for a 10-8 score. From that point, the 'Rocks gradually extended their lead throughout the first half.

"Faking passes to make passes and put them on the line. Not just lobbing the ball all over the place. I felt like for three quarters we did a really good job of that. It allowed us to get wide open threes from paint touches or kickouts. We got some really good looks," continued Steele.

Westfield's lead grew in the second and third quarters with a 23-16 halftime lead, they took a good amount of momentum into the locker room at halftime.

"We were really flat and obviously they are so good in the half court, defensively," Buckley said. "We were struggling to get anything going. One thing, for as long as I've been here, one thing we try to count on is our defense to create offense."

The Shamrocks opened the third with a triple from MaKayla Hatcher for their first double-digit lead (26-16). Two baskets in a row from Lindsey Van Dyke moved it to 30-17. But, Tippner scored three buckets in

a row herself, cutting it to 32-23.

Hamilton knocked down her fourth trey and a layup for what was Westfield's largest margin of the afternoon at 37-23.

Noblesville got a 7-0 run to trail 37-30. In the final seconds of the third, Crockett drained a three from the left wing for a 40-30 advantage after three for Westfield.

Van Dyke started the fourth with a three with a 43-30 margin. Then, the Millers went on a 9-0 run.

Tippner scored six, along with Ally Hutchinson drilled a three from the left side. Tippner's steal and a fast break layup trimmed it to 43-39, forcing Westfield to burn a full timeout with 5:54 left.

After Van Dyke's three, Noblesville went on an 18-8 scoring run. Blower's second three tied it 44-44.

With just under a minute left, Tippner made the layup and got fouled. She made the free throw for a 50-48 Miller lead.

Tippner sank a couple free throws for 52-48 with 33.3 seconds remaining. Van Dyke made another three for 52-51. Tippner was fouled, making one free throw for the final.

"We finally got them going a little big, got them sped up and were able to turn some turnovers into transition offense, which you get a little more energy when you're scoring," Buckley said.

"This is a group that never quits. They're just an awesome group of kids that fight all the way through. You're down 14 and I'm sure everybody in the gym is thinking it's over, but our kids just believe and just keep busting their butts on defense and good things usually happen," continued Buckley.

"We made a couple of adjustments on what we were trying to do on the offensive end. Getting Tipp into the post really helped our offense to get a couple of opportunities. That team (Westfield) is tough. They always answer and they make you play for 32 minutes," said Buckley.

Westfield (7-5, 3-2 HCC) snapped its five-game winning streak. The Shamrocks play in the Interra Classic at Northridge this weekend. They face Northwood and Fort Wayne Bishop Dwenger in pool play Friday, then play Penn at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, followed by two more games.

Hamilton led the 'Rocks

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with 14, including four from outside. Van Dyke had 12, while Price had eight and grabbed nine rebounds.

Noblesville (8-3, 3-2 HCC) won its fourth straight. The Millers host the second annual Noblesville Holiday Tournament on Dec. 28. They play Norwell at 10 a.m., with Fort Wayne Snider facing Valparaiso in the second game. The consolation is scheduled for 6 p.m. and the championship at 7:45.

Tippner led all scorers with a game-high 31 and seven rebounds on 12 for 24 shooting. Rollins had a clutch eight and Blower six on a pair of three-pointers. Quigley also corralled nine boards.

Westfield picked up an HCC victory over Avon last Tuesday, beating the Orioles 56-48 at CSI Gymnasium.

Avon led 13-9 after one quarter, with the Shamrocks getting within 22-21 by halftime. Price scored six points in the first half, while Hamilton added six second-quarter points. Westfield surged ahead in the third period, scoring 17 points during that quarter for a 38-32 lead.

Price totaled 18 points, while Hatcher finished with 13 points, scoring in each quarter. Hamilton scored 10 points.

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Boys Basketball

Guerin Catholic works hard to take down Pendleton Heights

By **RICHARD TORRES**
For The Reporter

NOBLESVILLE — On paper, last Tuesday night's matchup with Class 4A Pendleton Heights seemed like another double-digit win in the waiting for 3A Guerin Catholic.

The Arabians had other plans, however, forcing the Golden Eagles to survive their first tightly-contested game of the season, 62-59, inside The Nest.

Through GC's past five wins, the program triumphed by a margin of 15-plus at minimum each time with a pair of 30-point victories as well.

Against the Arabians, Guerin Catholic's largest lead stood at 10 points, but PH made it a two-possession game throughout and had a chance to tie the game on its final possession before a turnover and a steal by senior Ryne Paris sealed victory No. 6.

"I think it's good for us to be in games like this. Our whole season right now is us being in a process of trying to improve every single day," GC head coach Bobby Allen said. "I'd rather be in games like this than being in games where you win by double figures. I thought we grew tonight."

Their growth came with some frustration, as the Golden Eagles shot 5 of 18 from 3-point range with PH doubling 6-foot-7 big man Bryson Cardinal, who finished with 16 points, five rebounds, three assists and a steal.

Cardinal had six points by halftime with the Arabians tying the Golden Eagles six times in the game and leading five times.

By halftime, GC led 29-24 despite shooting 1 for 10 from behind the arc.

"We're working every single day, trying to get our guards more confidence. We have no problem with them taking those shots, but obviously when we're in a situation where it's tight games, our strength is getting the ball inside," Allen said. "Even when we do get it inside, Bryson is getting doubled, so we have to

learn to make sure he has options on who to pass it to. Sometimes, we get caught staring a little bit."

In the second half, the Golden Eagles built three possession leads and were up 59-49 with 4 minutes, 39 seconds left in the game.

However, 10 of 23 shooting from deep by PH and a trio of double-digit scorers kept the contest at two and one possession in the final minutes.

Paris countered PH's defensive attention with a game-high 19 points with five rebounds and two assists. The senior shot 6 of 8 from the floor and buried 7 of 8 free throws, including the game's final two points with 6.3 seconds remaining.

Cardinal entered the night with three 20-plus point performances. He had back-to-back 30-point games this month.

"He's had some big-time games, and he's deserving of that attention, but we can't rely on him to have to bail us out every situation," Allen said. "We do have guys who are inexperienced right now but look at Ryne Paris tonight. A senior, and he was incredible for us."

The Golden Eagles' resilience late paid off as PH funneled its offense through junior Cooper Sims (team-high 16 points) and seniors Joe Estes (12 points) and Evan Mozingo (14 points).

The PH Arabians shot 48 percent overall compared to GC's 47 and tallied 30 points off 3-pointers. The Golden Eagles countered with 17 of 23 free throws made, while PH went 7 of 9 from the foul line.

"It's just a process for us right now, and we will continue to work on their confidence whether it's from the perimeter or whether it's Bryson inside making some great plays for us," Allen said. "They play very hard, and they're very well coached. They hit 10 3-pointers tonight, so they shot the ball well. They did some really good things, but at the same time, we had situations where we simply didn't make plays."

A 3-pointer by Sims



Photos by Mike Navarro

(TOP) Guerin Catholic's Ryne Paris scored 19 points for the Golden Eagles during their win over Pendleton Heights last Tuesday at the Eagles Nest. (ABOVE) Bryson Cardinal scored 16 points.

with 7.5 seconds left cut GC's lead to 60-59. A dagger 3-pointer by Hayden Fox, who had seven points, with 43 seconds left pulled PH within three points, 59-56.

Jake Grissom split a pair of free throws with 19.4 seconds on the clock to increase GC's lead 60-56 before Paris knocked down a pair and recorded the final steal, marking the Arabians' 13th turnover of the game.

Guerin Catholic played 4A Evansville Harrison last Saturday at the Evansville Bosse Winter Classic, falling to the Warriors 55-51.

The Golden Eagles led 10-7 after one quarter and 27-22 at halftime. Guer-

in Catholic went up 32-24 in the third period before Harrison cut it to 38-34 by the end of the quarter. The Warriors surged ahead in the fourth, outscoring GC 21-13.

Paris led the Golden Eagles with 19 points, with Grissom scoring 17 points. Cardinal had nine points and six rebounds, with Rogers dishing out four assists.

Guerin Catholic is 6-2 for the season. The Golden Eagles will play in the Ray Furney Holiday Classic at Lawrenceburg on Friday, taking on Gainesville (Fla.) and Jennings County in their pool games. Guerin Catholic plays two additional games on Saturday.

Tigers take trophy at the Mudsock

The REPORTER

The Fishers boys basketball team won the Mudsock game last Friday, beating Hamilton Southeastern 65-49 at the Fishers Event Center.

The Tigers jumped out to a 16-8 lead after the first quarter, then led 27-16 at halftime. Jason Gardner scored 10 points for Fishers, while Cooper Zachary made two 3-pointers, one in each quarter.

The Tigers poured in 22 points in the third period for a 49-28 lead. Five different players scored in that quarter, with Justin Kirby getting six points. Nathan Baker added five points. Fishers stayed in front in the fourth period; Kirby scored another five points.

Four Tigers reached double figures, led by Gardner's 16 points; he scored in each quarter. Kirby added 13 points, Baker scored 12 and JonAnthony Hall finished with 10. Kirby also had six rebounds and two blocked shots, while Gardner handed out four assists.

Maverick Young led the Royals with 17 points; he was 7-of-7 from the free-throw line in the fourth period and 9-of-10 for the game. Braeden Totten added 10 points; both players also scored in each quarter. Landon Osswald scored

seven points and Zachary Tanzel hit two 3s for six points. Tottean also pulled seven rebounds.

The Royals are 3-3 and play at the BSN Holiday Tournament this weekend. Southeastern will compete in three pool games: South Bend St. Joseph at 10 a.m. Friday, Valparaiso at 6 p.m. Friday and Fort Wayne Carroll at 11:30 a.m. Saturday. Those games will determine HSE's placement game, to be played Saturday afternoon.

Fishers played a home game against Shortridge last Saturday and won 93-64. The Tigers led 27-15 after the first period and 53-29 at halftime.

Five different Fishers players scored in double figures, with Gardner leading the way by pouring in 18 points. Baker totaled 15 points, Millen McCartney scored 12, Logan Sigler added 11 points and Hall scored 10. Zachary drained three 3s for nine points.

The Tigers are 7-0 and play at the Henry Community Health Hall of Fame Classic at New Castle on Saturday. Fishers plays Warsaw in the first game at 11 a.m., followed by Greenfield-Central taking on Jeffersonville. The consolation game tips off at 6 p.m., with the championship game starting at 7:45 p.m.

Huskies fall in two tough home games

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights boys basketball team dropped two tough home games last week.

The Huskies lost a close Hoosier Conference East Division contest to Western 47-45 last Friday. Heights started out hot, leading 19-15 after the first quarter. Gavin Saunders threw in four 3-pointers during the period.

The second quarter was more defensive, but the Huskies held a 27-21 lead at halftime. The Panthers came back in the third period to cut Heights' lead to 33-32, then edged ahead in the fourth quarter, outscoring the Huskies 15-12.

Saunders finished the game with 20 points. Tyler Champion dished out five assists; he, Carson Felger and Dreydin Serna all had

four rebounds. Serna scored eight points.

Heights dropped an 84-67 game to West Lafayette last Saturday. The Red Devils outscored the Huskies in each quarter, leading 20-16 after one and 37-28 at halftime.

Four Heights players reached double figures. Saunders and Jack Kakasuleff both totaled 15 points, while Rees Knapp and Serna each scored 11. Kakasuleff drained three 3s.

Serna collected eight rebounds, while Champion had six rebounds and four assists.

The Huskies are 4-4 and play this weekend at the Ryder Realty Holiday Classic at Switzerland County. Heights takes on Paoli at 11 a.m., then plays two more games in the tournament.

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baskets to begin the period, but Haffner erased that with another 3. Haffner hit another triple to give Westfield a 15-14 lead, and Davidson responded with a 3 to put Noblesville ahead 17-15.

Two Max Miller free throws gave the Millers a 21-18 lead with 2:55 left in the half. But the Shamrocks came back, scoring the last seven points of the quarter for a 25-21 halftime lead. Jalen Malone scored five of those points on a basket and a traditional three-point play. Luke Vandegriff had the final basket of the half.

"The last two Fridays, he's gotten some more minutes for us," said Sumpter. The coach said Vandegriff

"did a good job in the time that he was in there."

Durante Morton opened the second half with a lay-in, giving Westfield a 27-21 lead. Noblesville kept things close in the half, but every time the Millers got within striking distance, the Shamrocks came up with big baskets.

Harvey hit a late third-quarter 3 that turned a two-point Westfield lead into a 37-32 advantage. He would do the same thing again in the middle of the fourth quarter, as would Brock Detamore, who drained a triple late in the fourth to put the 'Rocks up 49-43. Westfield finished the game up from the free-

throw line, as Malone, Harvey and Morton all made two free throws in the final minute.

Haffner scored 15 points, while Harvey and Malone both had 14 points. Haffner and Harvey both made three 3s.

Davidson and Walker both scored 13 points for Noblesville; with Davidson scoring in each quarter.

"They played more physical," said Millers coach Scott McClelland. "They were tougher than what we were all night."

Noblesville is 4-2 and hosts its own tournament on Friday. The Millers play Brebeuf Jesuit in the first game at 10 a.m., with

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Crown Point and Gary 21st Century facing off at 11:45 a.m. The consolation game starts at 6 p.m., followed by the championship game at 7:45 p.m.

Westfield won another home game last Saturday, beating Bethesda Christian 67-23. The Shamrocks led 15-2 after one quarter and 35-9 at halftime.

Detamore made four 3s on his way to 14 points, while Ryan Hunsucker also scored 14, draining three 3s. Malone scored 11 points and Vandegriff added 10 points. Haffner threw in three triples for nine points.

Westfield is 5-1 and plays at Richmond on Saturday.

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good things happened," said Bowen.

Wright led all scorers with 22 points, with Page adding nine and Spencer eight. Spencer also had six rebounds and four assists.

The Blackhawks will host their own tournament on Saturday. Sheridan plays North White at Hagerstown in the first round, with Hagerstown taking on Fountain Central in the other first-round game. The consolation and championship games are both scheduled for 5 p.m.

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Dogs' Taran Emery opened the second half with a 3 to give Frankfort a 27-20 lead.

The Hot Dogs were up 32-27 when Sheridan went on an 8-0 run. Chance Spencer started it with a lay-in, then Wright's basket got the 'Hawks within one. Brayden Whisman scored on a put-back to give Sheridan the lead, and Wright finished the run with a steal then basket.

Frankfort tied the game early in the fourth quarter at 37-37, but a 9-0 Blackhawks run got Sheridan

ahead 46-37 at the midway point of the period. Wright scored five of those points. The Hot Dogs nailed back-to-back 3s after that spurt, getting back within 46-43 with 2:07 left.

The Blackhawks had one more run in them, however, finishing the game by scoring the last seven points. Trey Page helped out from the free-throw line, going 5-of-6 during the last minute and a half.

"You don't want those kinds of game situations, but

that's high school basketball," Sheridan coach Bill Bowen said after the Frankfort game. "We played really well last night and shot the ball really well. Just the opposite tonight, just couldn't shoot it very well at all."

But Bowen said that to the Blackhawks' credit, the Sheridan players "had a lot of pride in the game and they fought that second half," scratching and clawing their way to victory.

"And in the fourth quarter, we just kept playing and

Check out Mudsock swim results on B8

Wrestling



Photo provided

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team won the Mudsock meet last Tuesday, beating Fishers 36-29.

Royals reign at Mudsock

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Southeastern boys wrestling team triumphed in the Mudsock dual meet last Tuesday, beating Fishers 36-29 at the Tiger Den.

The Royals won eight of the 14 matches. Nick Anderson won the 120-pound match with a pin, while Dylan Lane took the 145-pound bout by fall. Southeastern also picked up three technical falls, from Cale Beattie at 106, Chris Casler at 150 and Cohen Davis at 165. Matt Billet won the 138-pound

HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN 36, FISHERS 29

- 106: Cale Beattie (HSE) def. Ryland Smith (F) by technical fall, 15-0
- 113: Will Lakes (HSE) def. Seth Lamb (F) by decision, 9-8
- 120: Nick Anderson (HSE) def. Owen Ingalls (F) by fall
- 126: Will Hruskoci (F) def. Xander Huynh (HSE) by fall
- 132: Chayce Yant (F) def. Roben Randhawa (HSE) by fall
- 138: Matt Billet (HSE) def. Ellis Burns (F) by major decision, 16-7
- 145: Dylan Lane (HSE) def. Goyito Morales (F) by fall
- 150: Chris Casler (HSE) def. Zeke Kramer (F) by technical fall, 15-0
- 157: Landon Hicks (HSE) def. Andrei Bogdan (F) by decision, 11-5
- 165: Cohen Davis (HSE) def. Diego Carabano (F) by technical fall, 18-3
- 175: Xavier Smith (F) def. Grady Wafford (HSE) by technical fall, 21-6
- 190: Chris Quarles (F) def. Reid Snider (HSE) by fall
- 215: Julian Burgett (F) def. Evan Lawhead (HSE) by decision, 6-1
- 285: Camden Funk (F) def. A.W. Vankirk (HSE) by decision, 4-1

match by a 16-7 major decision, with Will Lakes (at 113) and Landon Hicks (at 157) winning by decision.

Fishers had three victories by fall. Will Hrusko-

ci got the pin at 126 and Chayce Yant followed him with a fall at 132. Chris Quarles won the 190-pound match with a pin.

Xavier Smith took the 175-pound match with a technical fall, and Evan Lawhead (at 215) and A.W. Vankirk (at 285) were decision winners.

Colts recognize Westfield High School football player

By ANDREW CHERNOFF WISH-TV | wishtv.com

The Indianapolis Colts announced last Tuesday that Westfield High School's Isaac Cole has been named the Colts High School Man of the Year, presented by Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics.

"The award recognizes an outstanding Indiana high school football player who exemplifies character, leadership and teamwork on and off the field," according to a news release.

"Football instills important life skills beyond the sport itself, so we're proud to recognize Isaac Cole and all our nominees, who exemplify these values as student-athletes and school and community leaders," Colts Football Development Coordinator Mike Prior said in the news release.

Cole, who is part of Westfield's Class of 2025, was a three-year starter at center for the Shamrocks. This past season, he played a key role in helping the program make its first state finals appearance since 2021.

Off the field, Cole serves on leadership councils of both the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the

Cornerstone Bible Church Youth Group. He also works with Westfield-area churches and local non-profits, Preval and Mulch for Missions.

"Isaac's 'outwork and out-love' mentality represents what it means to be a Westfield Rock," Westfield football head coach Josh Miracle said in the news release. "As a coach it's so rewarding to see the type of impact he has, whether he is leading in his position group, delivering a talk at team chapel or mentoring younger players in our youth program. Our staff is so thankful for the way Isaac has represented our program, and we can't wait to see the impact he will have as he begins his next journey at Taylor."

Cole also finds success in the classroom. He has a 3.85 grade-point average and is part of the National Honor Society. He also was awarded the Westfield High School Leadership Award.

The Westfield senior received tickets to last Sunday's Colts game against the Titans. He also received "a commemorative plaque and a \$2,500 donation from the Colts Foundation to the non-profit of his choice."

Cole plans to continue



Photo courtesy Indianapolis Colts

Isaac Cole plans to continue his athletic career at Taylor University, where he will play football and compete in track and field.

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Junior and senior football lettermen were nominated for the Colts High School Man of the Year Award by school or team administrators across the state. "A Colts selection panel evaluated all nominees based on their community service, academic accomplishments and football

performance," according to the news release.

The other finalists for this year's award consisted of Bishop Chatard's Luke Monahan, Valparaiso's Austen MacKenzie, Plainfield's Alex Holsclaw, and Tri Jr-Sr.'s Kyler Engle.

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Noblesville Schools names two new award-winning football & soccer coaches

The REPORTER

Noblesville Schools announced last Tuesday the hiring of state championship coaches John Hebert and Thomas Doering to respectively lead the Noblesville football and boys soccer programs.

Hebert has 10 years of experience as a 6A division head varsity football coach for Carmel High School and will replace former Noblesville High School coach Dave Sharpe. Hebert is one of only a few 6A head coaches in Indiana with two or more state championships, and boasts multiple state championships as an assistant, as well as several semi-state, regional, and sectional championships under his leadership.

"We had over 50 candidates apply for our football position and Coach Hebert rose to the top thanks to his strong relationships with

athletes, families and the community, his high integrity, and his outstanding track record of winning," Noblesville High School Athletic Director Leah Wooldridge said. "His years of leadership in the 6A division and the caliber of the recommendations he has received from around the state made him the strongest choice, and we couldn't be more excited to have him lead our Millers into their next football chapter."

Hebert expressed his excitement about the new role. "I'm eager to start this new journey at Noblesville



Hebert



Doering

and begin the process of building a football program that regularly competes for championships," he said. "All the traits that define a 'football community' apply to Noblesville - great student athletes, strong feeder program, dedicated community support, school spirit, and top facilities." * * *

New soccer coach Doering has won three state championships with Millers boys soccer and is being promoted from assistant coach to head coach, replacing Ken Dolaske who is relocating out of state. "Coach Doering has

been an integral part of our soccer program's outstanding success these past seven years and is more than ready to step up to head coach," Wooldridge said. "His strong tactical knowledge and calm leadership bring out the best in his players and I'm looking forward to what he can accomplish with the future of this program."

Doering added that he is "incredibly honored to be chosen for this leadership role and can't wait to continue the team's tradition of excellence as we reach new heights in the years to come."

Doering will continue in his role as a Spanish teacher at the high school and Hebert will join the NHS staff to teach wellness.

Both coaches were approved by the school board Tuesday evening and will begin leading their teams in January.

Heights' Moe wins individual title at "Wrestlemania" Super Conference

Huskies finish second, Blackhawks finish fourth among HCC schools

The REPORTER

The Hamilton Heights and Sheridan girls wrestling teams competed at the Lafayette Jefferson "Wrestlemania" Super Conference tournament last Saturday.

There were 28 teams from the North Central, Hoosier, Midwest and Hoosier Heartland conferences competing. The Huskies finished second among Hoosier Conference schools and in ninth place in the overall team standings with 109 points. The Blackhawks placed fourth as a team among the HHC schools and 19th overall, scoring 54 points.

Heights' Kendall Moe won the championship at 110 pounds, finishing the regular season as the No. 1-ranked wrestler in that weight class. Aubrey Baber placed third at 115 and is 17-4 for the regular season. Other top finishers for the Huskies were Maya Totleben (sixth at 135), Izzy Bailey (seventh at 145) and Madelyn Smith

(eighth at 100).

Anna Hamersley led Sheridan's team scoring with a 4-1 record, placing fifth overall and fourth in the deep HHC. Aubrey Koch and Devyn Pawarski both scored 14 team points with a sixth-place overall finish at 110 and 130 respectively. Pawarski finished second in the conference and Koch placed third.

Ryleigh Hampton and Eva Todd rounded out the Blackhawk team scoring with four points each. They both posted a 1-1 record. Gracie Stowers and Madie Underwood also competed through tough draws at 105 and 155.

"Our schedule to this point has prepared our girls for the post season," Head Coach Jason Hamersley said.

The girls are back in action on Friday, Jan. 3 at Crawfordsville for the first-ever IHSAA girls wrestling sectional.

Boys Basketball Carmel gets two big wins on the road

The REPORTER

Carmel's boys basketball team got two big wins on the road last weekend.

First, the Greyhounds traveled to North Central last Friday and returned home with a 48-47 victory. It was a tight game the entire time, as Carmel led 16-15 after one quarter and 31-30 at halftime. The Panthers went ahead 38-36 after a defensive third period, but the 'Hounds outscored NC 12-9, holding on at the last second to get the win.

Julian Vogt drained four 3-pointers for Carmel on his way to 16 points, with Alex Couto hitting three 3s while scoring 14 points. Evan Harrell added nine points. Zach Michaels led the rebounds with six.

The Greyhounds traveled to Kokomo last Saturday and dominated that

game, beating the Wildkats 74-36. Carmel outscored Kokomo in each quarter, leading 22-11 after one and 36-21 at halftime. The 'Hounds then sailed through the second half, outscoring the Wildkats 38-15.

Miles Wiley had 13 points for the Greyhounds, with Ben Bremer adding 12 and Michaels scoring 10. Aiden Dickerson collected seven rebounds, with Jamichael Fountain and Harrell pulling five rebounds each. Couto dished out five assists and Bremer had two blocked shots.

Carmel is 5-1 for the season. The Greyhounds play two games this weekend at the Paul Loggan Invitational at North Central; Carmel plays Lake Central at 3:15 p.m. Friday and Evansville Reitz at 11:45 a.m. Saturday.

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
COUNTY COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2408-MI-9757
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME
OF MINOR:
TALYAH D'ANN SQUIRES
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, CARA JEFFERSON,
Next Friend of minor child, pro se,
filed a Verified Petition for Change of
Name of Minor to change the name
of TALYAH D'ANN SQUIRES to
TALYAH D'ANN JEFFERSON.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on May
5, 2025 at 10:00 am, which is more
than thirty (30) days after the third
notice of publication. Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date. The parties
shall report to One Hamilton County
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN
46060.
Date: November 20, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
R5464 12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-012425
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Holly Lyn DeRight
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Holly Lyn DeRight, whose mailing
address is: 10836 Cody Ln Fishers,
Indiana 46037, in the Hamilton
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice
that Holly Lyn DeRight has filed a
petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that their
name be changed to Holly Lyn Miller.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Holly Lyn DeRight
Petitioner
December 12, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5451 12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR
COURT NO. 1
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
In the Matter of the Unsupervised
Estate of PEARL D. NIEHAUS,
deceased.
Estate Docket: 29D01-2412-
EU-000546
Notice is hereby given that Robin B.
Niehaus was, on December 17, 2024,
appointed Personal Representative
of the unsupervised estate of Pearl
D. Niehaus, deceased, who died on
November 17, 2024.
All persons who have claims against
this estate, whether or not now due,
must file the claim in the office of
the Clerk of this Court within three
(3) months from the date of the first
publication of this notice, or within
nine (9) months after the decedent's
death, whichever is earlier, or the
claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Noblesville, Indiana, on
December 17, 2024.
Kathy Kregg Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton Superior
Court No. 1
Janice Mandla Mattingly 340 North
Rangeline Road
Carmel, IN 46032
(317) 815-0340
jmattingly@carmelfamilylaw.com
R5469 12/23/24, 12/30/24

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11108
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
RUEBEN STONE
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
RUEBEN STONE, whose mailing
address is: 11496 HARLEQUIN LA,
APT 309, FISHERS, IN 46038 in the
HAMILTON County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that RUEBEN STONE
has filed a petition in the Hamilton
County Circuit Court requesting that
his name be changed to RHUBIN
STONE.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on February 14, 2025 at 10:00a.m.
RUEBEN STONE
Petitioner
October 25, 2024
Kathy Kregg Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
R5468 12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25

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STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2412-AD-1641
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
BRADY ELI WOOD, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Brady Eli Wood, born on October 24, 2007, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.
Kathy Kreag Williams,
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R5379 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 1
) SS:
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) CAUSE NO.: 29D01-2412-AD-1642
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION OF)
BRENNEN TYLER WOOD, MINOR)
NOTICE OF ADOPTION
The grandparents of Brennen Tyler Wood, born on March 18, 2010, are notified that a petition for adoption of the child was filed in the office of the clerk of Hamilton Superior Court 1, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. This notice complies with Indiana Code 31-19-2.5(a)(3) and Indiana Code 31-19-4.5-1.5 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. The grandparents of the child are being served with this notice because their rights to visitation may be impacted by the adoption. This notice is limited to the issue of grandparent visitation and may not be used to contest the adoption. If a grandparent fails to timely file for visitation, the above-named court will hear and determine the Petition for Adoption and the grandparent will be precluded from subsequently pursuing a grandparent visitation case for the child. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption and grandparent visitation statutes.
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Indianapolis, IN 46224
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CLERK'S NOTICE OF CLAIM TO DEFENDANT
You (the Defendant) have been sued by the Plaintiff whose name appears above. You must appear in Hamilton Superior Court 7 in person or by your attorney on February 4, 2025 @ 10:30 AM for a first hearing. The Court may enter a default judgment against you if you fail to appear. The Plaintiff's claim is for: Note, Contract, or Account (copy attached) Other Legal services per contract.
A brief statement of the nature of the Plaintiff's claim against you is as follows: Outstanding balance on attorney fees for services rendered per Engagement Letter. The Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant for \$5,491.96 plus interest from the date of November 17, 2023, at the rate of 8%, and the court costs of this action.
Date: 11/17/2023
s/Richard C. Hersberger, Esq.
Plaintiff's or attorney's signature

IMPORTANT INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CLAIM
1. The Plaintiff or the Defendant may represent themselves individually or be represented by an attorney. A Small Claims Litigant's Handbook is available at the offices of the Clerk or Court (or at the website site at www.state.in.us/hcc) for each party's benefit. The Plaintiff and Defendant should bring to trial all documents in their possession or under their control concerning this claim. Time does not permit trials in every case set for first hearing. However, trials will be held on possession issues in eviction cases and in such other cases where both parties are prepared for trial and time allows.
2. A default judgment may be entered against the Defendant if he or she fails to appear for a first hearing or any trial date, and if the Plaintiff fails to appear, the case will be dismissed (but may be refiled once more). A "damages hearing" is a trial on the issue of damages.
3. If the Defendant does not wish to dispute the Plaintiff's claim, the Defendant still may wish to appear to allow the Court to establish the method for paying the judgment.
4. Any request for a continuance of a trial date by either party should be filed with the Court at least five days before the hearing date. Forms requesting a continuance are available at the Court's office or on the website. The party requesting a continuance must contact the other party regarding the request.
5. Any counterclaim against the Plaintiff must be filed with the Clerk in time to be mailed to and received by the Plaintiff at least seven calendar days before the trial. Forms are available for this purpose.
6. If a settlement of this claim is made out of Court, it should be in writing and signed by the Plaintiff and Defendant. Settlement forms may be obtained from the Court or from the website. The settlement shall be filed with the Court and will be entered in the Small Claims Docket and shall have the same effect as a judgment of the Court.
7. The filing of a Small Claim waives the Plaintiff's right to trial by jury. The Defendant may, no later than 10 days following service of the Notice of Claim, make a demand for a trial by jury in writing, in accordance with Indiana Code 33-29-2-7. If a jury trial request has been granted, it may not be withdrawn without consent of both parties. Both parties should then obtain attorneys. The Defendant must pay a \$70 fee at the Clerk's Office within 10 days after the jury request has been granted; otherwise, the Defendant gives up the right to a jury trial.
8. Any exhibits you may offer at trial will be retained by the court for no less than 45 days and no more than four months after any hearing that results in a judgment. You may make arrangements to pick up your evidence with the court reporter any time beyond the 45 days after judgment has been entered. If an appeal is filed, those exhibits will permanently remain with the court. You will receive no further notices regarding your evidence.
R5408 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

WESTFIELD

NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION
Notice is hereby given pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of Westfield Washington Schools (the "School Corporation") did, on December 17, 2024, make a preliminary determination to issue bonds and enter into one or more lease agreements (collectively, the "Lease") for the (i) renovations and construction of additions to Westfield High School, (ii) renovations and construction of additions to the current Westfield Middle School, (iii) renovations and construction of additions to the current Westfield Intermediate School, and (iv) further renovation of and improvements to facilities in the School Corporation, including maintenance improvements and site improvements, and the purchase of equipment, technology, real estate and buses (collectively, the "Projects"). The Lease will be for a maximum term of twenty-eight (28) years with a maximum aggregate annual Lease rental of \$25,000,000. The maximum annual Lease rental has been estimated based upon an estimated principal amount of bonds of \$182,500,000, estimated interest rates ranging from 1.00% to 7.00%, and total estimated interest costs of \$172,205,862.
As required by Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5(b)(1), the following information was available to the public at the public hearings on the preliminary determination: (i) the School Corporation's current and projected annual debt service payments divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 1.0565%; and (ii) the sum of the School Corporation's outstanding long term debt plus the outstanding long term debt of other taxing units that include any other territory of the School Corporation divided by the net assessed value of taxable property within the School Corporation, which is 13.55%.
The School Corporation's current debt service levy is \$43,103,034 and the current total debt service tax rate is \$0.7449 (included within such rate is the School Corporation's non-exempt Debt Service Fund tax rate which is \$0.6402). After the School Corporation enters into the proposed Lease and the bonds are issued, the gross debt service levy will increase by a maximum of \$25,000,000 and the gross debt service rate will increase by a maximum of \$0.3803. However, as existing obligations mature, there is no anticipated net increase to the Debt Service Fund tax rate above the 2025 rate, which tax rate is already established and does not include any bonds associated with the Projects.
The estimated amount of the School Corporation's debt service levy and rate that will result during the following ten years if the School Corporation enters into the Lease and issues the bonds, after considering any changes that will occur to the debt service levy and rate during that period on account of any outstanding bonds or lease obligations that will mature or terminate during that period, is as follows:
Year Estimated Total Debt Service Levy Estimated Total Debt Service Rate
2024 \$43,103,034 \$0.7449
2025 51,513,252 0.7729
2026 51,219,354 0.7173
2027 54,988,826 0.7198
2028 59,510,621 0.7282
2029 66,188,568 0.7574
2030 64,289,596 0.7354
2031 61,655,260 0.7056
2032 61,719,997 0.7056
2033 61,733,000 0.7057
2034 61,645,817 0.7047
2035 61,162,521 0.6991
The Project involves the opening of new school facility space. The School Corporation expects to annually incur an increase of \$162,000/year to operate such new facility space. The purpose of the Lease is to provide for the Projects. If a valid petition pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.5 is received within 30 days from the publication of this notice, the proposed debt service or Lease payments must be approved in an election on a local public question held under Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-3.6.
Dated December 18, 2024.
/s/ Secretary, Board of School Trustees
Westfield Washington Schools
R5432 12/23/24

NOBLESVILLE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Noblesville Common Council
Noblesville, Indiana
The Noblesville Common Council will hold a public hearing on the 14th day of January, 2025. This hearing is to consider annexation into the City Limits of Noblesville as per property described in "Exhibit A". The property is located in the 18161 and 18291 Presley Drive and contains approximately 42.78 acres in Noblesville Township. The public hearing will be conducted at 7:00 PM in the Council Chambers at the Noblesville City Building, 16 S. 10th Street, Second Floor Council Chambers, Noblesville, Indiana.
Current Zoning of the subject property is "R1/GUO Residential with a Government Use Overlay" and upon annexation will remain as currently zoned until such time there is a request to change the zoning and will include the adjacent right-of-way for State Road No. 37, if not currently annexed. There is attached as "Exhibit B" a summary of the fiscal plan. This is the City's plan for extending services to the newly annexed area. The City will provide, upon request, a copy of the fiscal plan in its entirety after the plan's adoption and may be obtained at the Planning and Development Department in City Hall at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140, Noblesville, Indiana.
Questions or comments may be directed to a staff member of the Noblesville Planning and Development Department at 16 South 10th Street, Suite B140, Noblesville, Indiana during the hours of 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday or by the calling 317-776-6325.
EXHIBIT "A"
LEGAL DESCRIPTION
A part of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, described as follows: Beginning at a point 660.5 feet west of the southeast corner of the northwest quarter of Section 32, Township 19 North, Range 5 East, thence north 1319.0 feet to a corner post, thence west 623.3 feet to the intersection with the centerline of State Road #37 By-Pass, thence southwesterly on and along the centerline 600.0 feet, thence following a curve southwesterly on and along the centerline 600.0 feet, thence following a curve to the southwesterly 753.5 feet to the intersection with the south line of said northwest quarter, thence east on and along said south line 899.0 feet to the place of beginning, containing 22.56 acres, more or less.
Also, the East half of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 19, North, Range 5 East in Hamilton County, Indiana and containing 20.22 acres, more or less.
Total acreage to be annexed: 42.78 acres including adjacent right-of-way for State Road No. 37.
EXHIBIT "B"
SUMMARY OF FISCAL PLAN FOR THE ANNEXATION OF +/- 42.78 ACRES FOR 18161 AND 18291 Presley Drive
Subject: Annexation of property to the Corporate Limits of the City of Noblesville
Common Name: Hamilton County Solar Fields/Cell Tower and 911 Public Safety Center
Location: 18161 and 18291 Presley Drive
Area: 42.78 Acres +/-
Assessed Net Valuation: \$41,400 (10-07-32-00-00-005.000) and \$957,100 (10-07-32-00-00-004.000 (estimated))
I. Police Protection
A. Extension of Patrol Area
B. Response to Calls
1. Injuries
2. Equipment or Property Damage
3. Other Criminal Activity
II. Fire Protection
A. Extension of Service Area
B. Response to Calls
1. Health Related
2. Fire
III. Street Maintenance
IV. Sanitary Sewer Availability
V. Planning Services
VI. Parks and Recreation
R5420 12/23/24

FISHERS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING A POSSIBLE DISTRICT-WIDE EQUIPMENT AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
The citizens of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") is considering all or any portion of (a) certain renovation, expansion, upgrade, improvement, site improvement and equipping projects, including, but not limited to, roofing restoration, repair and/or replacement, security upgrades, lighting upgrades, asphalt and concrete restoration, repair and/or replacement, and interior and exterior repairs, updates and/or restoration, at one or more of the existing buildings operated by the School Corporation, including, but not limited to, all or any of the existing Hamilton Southeastern High School, Fishers High School, Fall Creek Junior High School, Fishers Junior High School, Sand Creek Intermediate School, Fall Creek Intermediate School, Central Office, all or any of the other support buildings, all or any of the existing elementary schools, including, but not limited to, the existing Durbin Elementary School and Harrison Parkway Elementary School, and all or any of the outdoor improvements or structures related to any of the foregoing buildings, all of which are used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (b) the acquisition and/or installation of certain equipment, including, but not limited to, solar arrays, playground equipment, musical instruments, curricular materials, laptops and tablets, furniture, food service equipment and other technology equipment, including, but not limited to, software, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, (c) the acquisition of approximately 36 buses and one or more other vehicles over the next three years, all of which will be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, and (d) all of the projects related to all or any portion of any of the projects set forth in clauses (a) through and including (c) (collectively, the "2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project").
The estimated cost of the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project will be in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), all or a portion of which will be financed by issuing one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or entering into one or more leases or amendments to an existing lease or leases with one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations or other funds as they may become available. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, on January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time) and again on January 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Board Room of the School Corporation's Central Office, located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, Indiana, conduct a public hearing (1) to explain the potential value of the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project to the School Corporation and the community, and (2) regarding a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or enter into a proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases between one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations, each as lessor, and the School Corporation, as lessee, to finance all or any portion of the costs of all or any portion of the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project. The proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases will relate to all or any portion of facilities currently operated or to be operated by the School Corporation. At each of the hearings the Board will also hear objections to, and support for, all or any portion of the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project from the general public.
All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project at either or both of the hearings.
Subsequent to the public hearing held on January 22, 2025, the Board expects to consider adoption of a resolution regarding the nature of the 2025-2026 District-Wide Equipment and Facility Improvement Project and making a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds or enter into the proposed lease or leases or amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases for the purposes and pursuant to the terms described in this notice.
Dated the 18th day of December, 2024.
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent
R5422 12/23/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS BY THE HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, CONCERNING A POSSIBLE 2025 HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN INTERMEDIATE/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL RENOVATION AND UPDATE PROJECT
The citizens of the Hamilton Southeastern Schools, Hamilton County, Indiana (the "School Corporation"), are hereby notified that the Board of School Trustees of the School Corporation (the "Board") is considering all or any portion of certain renovation, upgrade, improvement, expansion and/or equipping projects at the existing Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School, its related outdoor facilities and site improvements on which the existing Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School and its related outdoor facilities, are, or will be, located and other miscellaneous facility improvement, construction, equipping and land improvement and/or acquisition projects at one or more facilities operated by the School Corporation or to be used by the School Corporation in connection with its operations, and all projects related to any of the foregoing (collectively, the "2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project").
The estimated cost of the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project will be in excess of One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000), all or a portion of which will be financed by issuing one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or entering into one or more leases or one or more amendments to one or more existing leases with one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations or other funds as they may become available. Notice is hereby given by the undersigned that the Board will, on January 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time) and again on January 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), in the Board Room of the School Corporation's Central Office, located at 13485 Cumberland Road, Fishers, Indiana, conduct a public hearing (1) to explain the potential value of the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project to the School Corporation and the community, and (2) regarding a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or enter into a proposed lease or leases or a proposed amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases between one or more Indiana nonprofit school building corporations, each as lessor, and the School Corporation, as lessee, to finance all or any portion of the costs of all or any portion of the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project. The proposed lease or leases or proposed amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases will relate to all or any portion of facilities currently operated or to be operated by the School Corporation. At each of the hearings the Board will also hear objections to, and support for, all or any portion of the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project from the general public.
All interested parties are entitled and encouraged to attend to present their testimony and ask any questions relative to the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project at either or both of the hearings.
Subsequent to the public hearing held on January 22, 2025, the Board expects to consider adoption of a resolution regarding the nature of the 2025 Hamilton Southeastern Intermediate/Junior High School Renovation and Update Project and making a preliminary determination to issue one or more series of general obligation bonds and/or enter into a proposed lease or leases or a proposed amendment or amendments to an existing lease or leases for the purposes and pursuant to the terms described in this notice.
Dated the 18th day of December, 2024.
HAMILTON SOUTHEASTERN SCHOOLS, HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA
By: Patrick Mapes, Superintendent
R5423 12/23/24

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
) SS: HAMILTON COUNTY
COUNTY OF HAMILTON) NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA
CAUSE NO. 29D04-2408-MF-009181
TH MSR HOLDINGS LLC F/K/A MATRIX)
FINANCIAL SERVICES CORPORATION)
PLAINTIFF)
vs)
ATRICIA L. BYRD: INDIANA MEMBERS CREDIT)
UNION, OF INDIANAPOLIS INDIANA, A/K/A)
INDIANA MEMBERS CREDIT UNION, MIDLAND)
CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.: THE CITY OF)
NOBLESVILLE, INDIANA)
DEFENDANTS)
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of an Order of Sale, directed to me from the Clerk of the Hamilton Circuit Court and pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered on 10/21/2024, I will expose to public sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, at the office of the Sheriff of Hamilton County, in Hamilton County, Indiana, located at 18100 Cumberland Rd., Noblesville, IN 46060 on January 23, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Local Time, the fee simple title together with the rents, profits, issues and income or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, interest, costs and accruing costs of the following described real estate located in Hamilton County, Indiana, to-wit:
Lot Numbered 3 in Square One in Leonard Wilds 3rd Addition to the City of Noblesville, Hamilton County, Indiana, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 53, page 1 in the Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
Commonly known as: 659 Historic Pleasant Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
State Parcel Number: 29-10-01-208-006.000-013
Township: Noblesville
This sale is to be made in all respects pursuant to an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved March 7, 1931, and entitled An act concerning proceedings in actions to foreclose real estate mortgages, providing for the sale and custody of the mortgaged premises and repealing all laws conflicting therewith (see Indiana Code).
It is further provided by law that there shall be no redemption from such sale, and the purchaser at such sale, upon complying with the terms of his purchase, shall be entitled to immediately receive from the undersigned, Sheriff of Hamilton County, a deed conveying to him, the purchaser, the fee simple title in and to said real estate.
Taken as the property of the Defendant(s) stated above at the suit of TH MSR Holdings LLC F/K/A Matrix Financial Services Corporation. Said sale to be without relief from valuation and/or appraisal laws.
THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT DOES NOT WARRANT THE ACCURACY OF THE STREET ADDRESS PUBLISHED HEREIN.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff of Hamilton County
Attorney for Plaintiff
Codilis Law, LLC
8050 Cleveland Place
Merrillville, IN 46410
(219) 736-5579
15-24-01026
NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
R5381 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D02-2402-MF-001456 wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING was Plaintiff and TRACY F. KRAUSE A/K/A TRACY KRAUSE; MARLIN EDWARD KRAUSE A/K/A MARLIN E. KRAUSE A/K/A MARLIN E. KRAUSE, III A/K/A MARLIN KRAUSE, III; CITIBANK NA; PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC; WEAVER WOODS NORTH PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.; BANK OF AMERICA, NA; and STATE OF INDIANA, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; was/were Defendant(s), requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana:
LOT NUMBER 118 IN WEAVER WOODS NORTH, SECTION 4, A SUBDIVISION IN THE TOWN OF FISHERS, IN HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA, AS PER PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 20, 1999, AS INSTRUMENT NUMBER 99-55493, IN THE OFFICE OF THE RECORDER OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.
Commonly Known as/Property Address: 14298 Delaney Drive, Fishers, IN 46038
Parcel No: 29-10-24-005-005.000-006
Township--Delaware
Together with rents, issues, and profits hereof, said will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No 29D02-2402-MF-001456 in the Hamilton County Court.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Hamilton County Sheriff
Jason E. Duhn
ATTORNEY NO. 26807-06
Diaz Anselmo & Associates, LLC
P.O. BOX 19519
Fort Lauderdale FL 33318
14298 Delaney Drive, Fishers, IN 46038
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein.
R5383 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2406-MF-006220 wherein Carrington Mortgage Services, LLC, was Plaintiff, and Dennis Stilts was the defendant(s), required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 23rd day of January, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.
Lot Numbered 7 in Barnes and Bakers Addition to the Town, now City of Noblesville, as per plat thereof recorded in Deed Record 75, page 100, in Office of the Recorder of Hamilton County, Indiana.
More Commonly Known As: 1378 Hannibal Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
Parcel No. 11-11-06-01-01-030.000
Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.
Dennis J. Quakenbush II
Sheriff
R. Elliott Halsey, #38073-45
Travis P. Barry, 38072-45
KELLEY, KRONENBERG, P.A.
Noblesville
Township
1378 Hannibal Street, Noblesville, IN 46060
Street Address
The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street addressed published herein.
R5384 12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24

CICERO

NOTICE
Bullseye Towing LLC 22271 U.S. 31 N. #100, Cicero, IN, 46034 (317)-979-8446
Date of Sale: 12/30/2024
JTB8H68X4Y0024169 2000 Lexus GS400 \$2,750
1G1AK55F97378790 2007 Chevrolet Cobalt \$2,750
1FMCU0F70DUA35217 2013 Ford Escape \$2,750
R5386 12/23/24
NOTICE
Bullseye Towing LLC 22271 U.S. 31 N. #100, Cicero, IN, 46034 (317)-979-8446
Date of Sale: 12/30/2024
JTHCH96S560006080 2006 Lexus GS300 \$2,750
JN8AS58T99W324640 2009 Nissan Rogue \$2,750
1G1ZCSE15BF22216 2011 Chevy Malibu \$2,750
R5387 12/23/24

COUNTY

2025 Meeting Schedule
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(c) the Hamilton County Solid Waste Board will meet the following dates in 2024:
Time: 12:00 noon, unless otherwise noted
Location: Commissioners' Courtroom
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, Indiana
Meeting dates and times are subject to change.
January 27, 2025 (Joint with Advisory Committee)
February 24, 2025
March 24, 2025
April 28, 2025
May 27, 2025 (Tuesday)
June 23, 2025 (Joint with Advisory Committee)
July 28, 2025
August 25, 2025
September 22, 2025
October 27, 2025
November 24, 2025
R5433 12/23/24
2025 Meeting Schedule
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5(c) the Hamilton County Airport Authority will meet the following dates in 2024:
Time: 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted
Location: Commissioners' Courtroom
Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center
One Hamilton County Square
Noblesville, Indiana
Meeting dates, times, and location are subject to change.
January 8, 2025
February 12, 2025
March 12, 2025
April 9, 2025 (Indy Exec)
May 14, 2025
June 11, 2025
July 9, 2025
August 13, 2025
September 10, 2025
October 8, 2025 (Indy Exec)
November 12, 2025
December 10, 2025
R5434 12/23/24

COURT NOTICES

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2410-MI-11896
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Chandler Pilipis
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Chandler Pilipis, whose mailing
address is: 12887 Star Drive Fishers,
Indiana 46037, in the Hamilton
County, Indiana, hereby gives notice
that Chandler Pilipis has filed a
petition in the Hamilton County
Circuit Court requesting that name be
changed to Chandler Latour.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: February 14, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Chandler Pilipis
Petitioner
Date: October 28, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5364

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2411-MI-12441
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
MARY KATHARINE ROSIO
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, MARY KATHARINE
ROSIO, pro se, filed a Verified Petition
for Change of Name to change her
name from MARY KATHARINE
ROSIO to KATHARINE ROSIO
VILLASENOR.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
March 17, 2025 at 10:00 am, which
is more than thirty (30) days after the
third notice of publication. Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date. The parties
shall report to One Hamilton County
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN
46060.
Date: November 13, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5370

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013337
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh, whose
mailing address is: 2230 Irish Rose
Lane, Carmel, IN 46280, in the
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Kelly Kaye Harris
Walsh has filed a petition in the
Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
Keida Harris Walsh.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Kelly Kaye Harris Walsh
Petitioner
Date: October 28, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5399

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013388
Hamilton Circuit Court
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
CAUSE NO.: 29C01-2404-MI-004755
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
REXFORD JAMES WARD,
Petitioner.
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Rexford James Ward, whose mailing
address is 8765 Edwards Grove Drive,
Noblesville, IN 46062, in Hamilton
County, Indiana hereby gives notice
that he has filed a petition in the
Hamilton County Superior Court
requesting that his name be changed
to Rexford James Andrews.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said petition
on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Date: December 4, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5402

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013579
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Amy Marie Kelley
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Amy Marie Kelley, whose mailing
address is: 335 Westminster Drive
Noblesville, Indiana 46060, in the
Hamilton County, Indiana, hereby
gives notice that Amy Marie Kelley
has filed a petition in the Hamilton
County Circuit Court requesting
that name be changed to Amy Marie
Seagrave.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Amy Marie Kelley
Petitioner
Date: December 11, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5426

STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
In The Hamilton County Court
CASE NO. 29C01-2205-DN-003714
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:
Kia Taylor,
Petitioner,
vs.
Reginald Taylor,
Respondent.
SUMMONS
The State of Indiana to Respondent:
Reginald Taylor
10138 Brushfield Lane
Fishers, IN 46037
You have been sued by your spouse
for dissolution of marriage. The case
is pending in the Court named above.
If this Summons is accompanied
by an Order Setting Hearing, you
must appear in Court on the date
and time stated on the Order Setting
Hearing. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR,
EVIDENCE MAY BE HEARD AND
A DECISION MAY BE MADE
BY THE COURT. If a Temporary
Restraining Order is issued, it is
effective immediately upon your
receipt or knowledge of the Order.
If you wish to retain an attorney
to represent you in the matter, it is
advisable to do so before the date
stated on the Notice of Provisional
Hearing.
If you take no action in this case
after receipt of this Summons, the
Court can grant a Dissolution of
Marriage and/or make determinations
that may include but not limited to
any of the following: paternity, child
custody, child support, maintenance,
parenting time, property (real or
personal), and other distribution of
assets and debts, attorney fees and
costs.
Date: 5/23/2022
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton County
12/9/24, 12/16/24, 12/23/24
R5404

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2412-MI-013476
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Lucy Anne Lobraco
Name of Minor
Joseph Lobraco
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Joseph
Lobraco, Next Friend of minor child,
self-represented, filed a Verified
Petition for Change of Name on July
22, 2024 to change the name of Lucy
Anne Lobraco to Anne Rose Lobraco.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. which
is more than thirty (30) days after the
third notice of publication. Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date.
Date: December 10, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5427

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2403-MI-2541
IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF NAME
OF MINOR:
MALELL MINTON
NOTICE OF HEARING
Notice is hereby given that
Petitioner, TANIA SLATER, pro se,
filed a Verified Petition for Change
of Name of Minor to change his
name from MALELL MINTON to
DONNELL JESSIE MINTON JR.
The petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton Circuit Court on
March 17, 2025 at 10:00 am, which
is more than thirty (30) days after the
third notice of publication. Any person
has the right to appear at the hearing
and to file written objections on or
before the hearing date. The parties
shall report to One Hamilton County
Square, Suite 337, Noblesville, IN
46060.
Date: November 15, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5430

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9875
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell
Name of Minor
Tommi Jean Bell
By Next Friend
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is hereby given that, Tommi
Jean Bell, Next Friend of minor child,
self-represented, filed a Verified
Petition for Change of Name on
June 26, 2024 to change the name of
Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell to
Nova Hunter Groover.
The Petition is scheduled for hearing
in the Hamilton County Circuit Court
on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: November 7, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5429

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-010245
IN RE THE NAME CHANGE OF:
Katelyn Patricia Nowak
Petitioner
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR
CHANGE OF NAME
Katelyn Patricia Nowak, whose
mailing address is: 12696 Blue Holly
Dr Apt #23 Noblesville IN 46060,
in the Hamilton County, Indiana,
hereby gives notice that Katelyn
Patricia Nowak has filed a petition in
the Hamilton County Circuit Court
requesting that name be changed to
Kati Kawoni Nowak.
Notice is further given that the
hearing will be held on said Petition
on: April 7, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
Katelyn Patricia Nowak
Petitioner
Date: September 16, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Hamilton County Clerk
12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25
R5428

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9875
IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Nathanyal Micheal Hunter Bell
Name of Minor
Tommi Jean Bell
By Next Friend
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on March 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.
which is more than thirty (30) days
after the third notice of publication.
Any person has the right to appear
at the hearing and to file written
objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: November 7, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5429

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)
Cause No. 29C01-2409-MI-9875
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objections on or before the hearing
date.
Date: November 7, 2024
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk, Hamilton Circuit Court
12/9, 12/16, 12/23/24
R5429

SHERIDAN

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM
Notice is hereby given that the Sheridan Redevelopment Commission (the
"Commission") is considering establishing a residential housing development
program (the "Program") in certain areas of Sheridan, Indiana (the "Town")
in accordance with Indiana Code 36-7-14-53, as amended. If you would like
to consult with the Commission regarding the Program, you are invited to contact
the Commission, c/o Todd Burton at phone: (317) 758-5293 or e-mail:
tburton@sheridan.in.gov.
Notice is further given that the Commission will conduct a public meeting on
Tuesday, January 28, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. (local time), at the Sheridan Community
Center, which is located at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN 46069, at which
time those in attendance will be afforded an opportunity to learn more about, and
express their views regarding, the proposed Program.
SHERIDAN REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
R5436 12/23/24

COUNTY

Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Hamilton County Departmental Efficiency, Resource Maximization, and Public Service Enhancement
INTRODUCTION
Hamilton County is seeking responses to this Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from licensed certified public accounting firms and qualified consulting firms. The
goal of this RFQ is to identify a vendor to conduct a comprehensive assessment of various County departments. This assessment will focus on maximizing resources,
improving operational efficiency, identifying and addressing inefficiencies, and enhancing public service delivery in alignment with the County's mission.
GENERAL INFORMATION
Hamilton County is seeking vendor submissions for a comprehensive evaluation of multiple County departments. The purpose of the assessment is to evaluate the
efficiency of resource utilization, the effectiveness of management structures, and to identify areas of improvement to ensure optimal public benefit.
Submission Deadline: Firms must submit both a digital and hard copy of their responses no later than February 7th at 4:00 PM EDT. Firms may submit
questions up until January 20th at 4:00 PM EDT. Hamilton County will respond to questions by January 27th at 4:00 PM EDT. Questions must be submitted, via email,
to Steven Rushforth (steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov), Connor Sullivan (connor.sullivan@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) and Lee Buckingham (lee.buckingham@
hamiltoncounty.in.gov). Emails containing questions must be sent with the email subject line "Hamilton County Department Efficiency Audit Questions."
Estimated Fee Proposals: These should be included in a sealed envelope and will only be reviewed after qualifications have been assessed.
Vendor Selection: Hamilton County reserves the right to select a firm based on qualifications alone and may conduct interviews if necessary. The County also
reserves the right to modify deadlines or reject any and all RFQs.
SCOPE & OBJECTIVES
Hamilton County is seeking a firm to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of its departments, focusing on organizational efficiency, resource management, and public
service delivery. This assessment will include an in-depth review of management structures, staffing practices, financial resource management, and departmental service
delivery models. The goal is to identify inefficiencies, improve operational efficiency, and optimize resources to enhance public services.
1. Organizational Structure & Management
Assess the current management hierarchy, decision-making processes, and leadership structure to ensure effective and efficient resource allocation.
Identify opportunities to enhance leadership accountability and strengthen management effectiveness.
2. Staffing Levels, Practices, and Compensation
Analyze staffing levels, compensation structures (including overtime), workload distribution, and job roles to ensure efficient resource use and alignment with
departmental objectives.
Evaluate the impact of staffing on employee retention and turnover rates and recommend strategies to address gaps while maintaining service quality.
3. Resource Utilization
Assess the utilization of County resources, including vehicles, equipment, technology, and office space, to identify inefficiencies and recommend improvements.
Review the use of physical assets and office space to determine if resources are being underutilized or overextended.
4. Budget and Financial Efficiency
Review departmental budgets, focusing on allocations from 2019 to 2025, and analyze spending patterns to identify cost-saving opportunities.
Evaluate procurement processes and vendor management for efficiency and cost-effectiveness, recommending strategies to optimize procurement practices.
5. Technology and Information Systems
Review the technology and information systems used across departments, assessing integration and efficiency.
Provide recommendations for modernization and improved system performance to better support operational needs.
6. Public Service Delivery
Evaluate the effectiveness of public-facing services, focusing on response times, service quality, and areas for improvement.
Identify opportunities for process simplification in services involving public interaction, such as permitting and inquiries, to enhance accessibility and service
speed.
7. Process and Workflow Optimization
Identify inefficiencies in workflows and operational processes, making recommendations for process improvements that enhance efficiency across departments.
Assess interdepartmental collaboration, identifying redundancies and suggesting strategies to streamline workflows and improve coordination across
departments.
8. Management Efficiency
Evaluate the decision-making and operational efficiency of department leadership to ensure that departmental goals are being met effectively.
Develop recommendations to enhance leadership effectiveness and suggest ways to monitor progress, ensuring optimal resource allocation.
9. Interdepartmental Collaboration
Assess collaboration between departments, identifying opportunities to reduce redundancies and improve communication.
Recommend strategies for more efficient cross-departmental coordination and workflows.
STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (Selection Criteria)
Vendors will be selected through a qualification-based process. Interested firms must submit a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ) addressing the following criteria:
Cover Letter: A 1-page letter expressing interest and any unique qualifications relevant to the project.
General Information: A description of the firm/team, including an organizational chart with key personnel and relevant licenses/certifications.
Relevant Experience: A summary of the firm's experience and expertise with similar public sector projects. Include references from at least three comparable projects.
Project Understanding & Approach: A detailed understanding of the project's scope, including identification of potential challenges and proposed mitigation strategies.
Proposed Timeline: A realistic timeline for completing the assessment.
RESPONSE REQUIREMENTS
Submissions must be made both digitally and in hard copy:
1. Hard Copy Submission: Send to the Hamilton County Auditor's Office at 33 N. 9th St., Suite L-21, Noblesville, IN 46060 by February 7th 4:00 PM EDT. Firms
shall provide nine (9) hard copies of their proposal.
2. Digital Submission: Submit a PDF copy to Steven Rushforth
(steven.rushforth@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) and Lee Buckingham (lee.buckingham@hamiltoncounty.in.gov) File size should not exceed 20 MB. Use the subject line:
"Hamilton County Department Efficiency Audit Response."
Submissions must include:
Cover Letter
Statement of Qualifications
Resumes of Key Personnel
References
Company Background
Proposed Business Approach
Timeline for Project Completion
R5424 12/23/24, 12/30/24

COURT NOTICE

NOTICE OF SUIT
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT 7
STATE OF INDIANA)
SS:)
COUNTY OF Hamilton)
CASE NO. 29D07-2403-MI-2847
STATE OF INDIANA,)
Plaintiff,)
-vs-)
ALL FUNDS HELD AT OKX.COM EXCHANGE BY USER ID)
#469432622079204653 and NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG)
as his interest may appear,)
Defendants.)
The State of Indiana to the Defendant, NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG,
above named, and any other person who may be concerned. You are notified that
you have been sued in the Court above named. The nature of the suit against you
is:
COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES, FORFEITURE OR PROPERTY,
SEIZURE OF ASSETS AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
This Summons by Publication is specifically directed to the following named
Defendants whose addresses are unknown:
NGUYEN HOANG TUAN LONG
If you have a claim for relief against the Plaintiff arising from the same
transaction or occurrence, you must assert it in your written answer.
You must answer the Complaint For Damages, Forfeiture or Property, Seizure of
Assets and for Injunctive Relief in writing by you or your attorney, on or before
February 5, 2025, the same being within thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of
Suit, and if you fail to do so a judgment will be entered against you for what the
Plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
Kathy Kreag Williams
Clerk of the Hamilton County Superior Court 7
12/16/2024
Joshua N. Taylor, #26618-29
RileyCate, LLC
11 Municipal Drive, Suite 320
Fishers, IN 46038
PH: 317-588-2866
R5440 12/23/24, 12/30/24, 1/6/25

CARMEL

TO THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS
AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF INTENT
NOTICE OF LAND DISTURBANCE AND CONSTRUCTION
In accordance with the Construction Stormwater General Permit (CSGP),
adopted in 2021 for compliance with the Federal Water Pollution Act and
administered by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management,
notification is hereby given that the City of Carmel will commence earthmoving
and construction for stormwater improvements generally along Orchard Park
Drive in the Orchard Park Subdivision, south of 106th Street. Work will
commence on or about March 2025 and estimated to terminate October 2025. All
such work, including the installation of erosion control measures and practices
deemed necessary shall comply with aforesaid regulation. Questions or comments
regarding this project should be directed to City of Carmel (317-571-2441) or
HWC Engineering (317-419-6775).
R5444 12/23/24

CICERO

Legal Notice
Plan Commission
The Cicero/Jackson Township Plan Commission will meet on January 8th, 2025
at 7:00 PM in the Cicero Town Hall, located at 70 North Byron Street, Cicero,
Indiana 46034, in order to hear the following petition:
Docket No. PC-0125-01-R5
A Rezone application has been submitted concerning article 13 of the Cicero/
Jackson Township Zoning Ordinances in order to: Rezone 2 parcels currently
zoned as "RS" Old Town Residential District to "NC" Neighborhood Commercial
District.
Project Address: 70 West Buckeye and 50 West Buckeye street, Cicero IN,
46034
Parcel Number: 05-06-01-02-05-032.000 and 05-06-01-02-05-034.000
Legal Description: Acreage .00 Section 1, Township 19, Range 4 J D
Cottingham/Cicero Lot Pt 6 Block 2 and Acreage .00 Section 1, Township 19,
Range 4 J D Cottingham/Cicero Lot 5 & Pt 6 Block 2
The petition may be examined at the office of the Cicero/Jackson Township Plan
Commission, 331 E. Jackson St., Cicero, IN 46034.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing. Comments may
be also mailed to Cicero/Jackson Plan Commission at P.O. Box 650 Cicero, IN
46034. Comments may also be dropped off in the Cicero Utilities payment drop
box located at 331 E. Jackson St. Cicero, IN. Comments may also be emailed
to fzawadzki@townofcicero.in.gov Comments must be received by 3:00 pm on
the date of the hearing. Written comments will be read aloud during the public
hearing and entered into the record of the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Paul Vondersaar Date: Dec 13th, 2024
R5437 12/23/24

Sale of Surplus Vehicle
Notice is hereby given that the Town of Cicero proposes to sell the following
vehicle:
1) 2017 Ford Explorer
a. Approximately 100,200 miles
b. Vehicle VIN# 1FMSK8AR9HGC24829
c. Minimum bid of \$7,500.00
Deadline to Submit Bid: The bidder should submit in a sealed envelope clearly
marked "Bid for Ford Explorer" no later than 4pm on January 21, 2025. Please
mail or hand-deliver your bid to: Clerk Treasurer, Town of Cicero, PO Box 650,
331 E. Jackson Street, Cicero IN 46034. Bids may also be presented on the night
of the opening prior to 7pm. Bids will be opened at the January 21, 2025, meeting
of the Cicero Town Council at 70 N. Byron Street, Cicero IN 46034.
Bid Proposal: Bidder understands that the bid is for the vehicle in an As-Is
condition and there are no expressed or implied warranties. The Bidder agrees that
this bid shall remain valid for a period of seven (7) days from the due date, and the
successful bid may be accepted at any time during this seven (7) day period. Bids
not accepted within said seven (7) daytime period shall be deemed rejected.
Time Completion: The Bidder agrees that if awarded the contract, he or she will
pick up the vehicle within five (5) business days from the time of notification.
Method of Payment: The Bidder agrees that the acceptable method of payment
shall be cash, certified check, or money order.
General Agreements: The Bidder agrees that he or she has examined this Notice
of Bid, had the opportunity to examine the vehicle, had the opportunity to review
other relevant documents which may have been requested by Bidder, and that he
or she has carefully prepared for his or her bid. The Bidder states that the amount
set forth in his or her bid is correct and that no mistake or error has occurred in
the bid or computations. The Bidder agrees he or she will make no claim for
reformation after the scheduled closing time to the receipt of proposals. The sale
of said vehicle shall be made to the highest responsible and responsive bidder. The
Town of Cicero expressly reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
Rhonda Gary- Cicero Clerk Treasurer
R5447 12/23/24

CICERO

Notice of Adoption: Ordinance 12-17-2024-03
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CHAPTER 50 OF TITLE V OF THE
MUNICIPAL CODE TO PROHIBIT TAMPERING WITH THE WATER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF CICERO
Date of Approval: On December 17, 2024, the Town Council of Cicero, Indiana,
approved Ordinance 12-17-2024-03, which addresses tampering with the Town of
Cicero's water utility system.
Subject Matter: This ordinance amends Chapter 50 of Title V of the Town
of Cicero's Municipal Code to prohibit unauthorized persons from altering,
adjusting, tampering with, manipulating, obstructing, interfering with or exerting
control over all or any part of the public water distribution system owned and
operated by the Town of Cicero, Indiana and/or the Cicero Municipal Water
Utility.
Penalty Provision: This ordinance contains a penalty provision that permits the
imposition of fines, penalties, and damages. This provision is Section 50.62 of
Chapter 50 and is entitled "Penalties for Violation."
Public Inspection of the Ordinance: In addition to being available online at
www.cicero.in.org. The ordinance may also be examined in Town of Cicero's
Clerk-Treasurer's Office located at 331 East Jackson Street, Cicero, IN. You may
also request a copy or ask questions by contacting the Clerk-Treasurer directly at
(317) 984-4900.
R5461 12/23/24

ORDINANCE NO. 12-17-2024-03
AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING TAMPERING WITH THE WATER
DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OF THE TOWN OF CICERO
WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero, Indiana is the owner and operator of Cicero
Municipal Water Utility; and
WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Cicero has supervisory powers
over the utilities under its control pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-5.3-4; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero may adopt rules for the safe, economical
and efficient management and protection of the Cicero Municipal Water Utility
pursuant to Indiana Code 8-1-5.3-4; and
WHEREAS, the Cicero Municipal Water Utility includes a public water
distribution system to serve customers of said utility; and
WHEREAS, certain unauthorized persons have tampered with and/or exercised
unauthorized control over all or part of the public water distribution system for
their own personal benefit or gain; and
WHEREAS, the Town of Cicero suffered substantial damages as a result of said
tampering with its public water distribution system; and
WHEREAS, after due consideration and discussion, the town council of the
Town of Cicero has determined that it is necessary to prohibit all unauthorized
persons from altering, adjusting, tampering, manipulating, obstructing, interfering
with or in any way exerting control over any facilities which comprise or are a
part of the water distribution system owned and operated by the Town of Cicero,
Indiana and/or the Cicero Municipal Water Utility.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that Chapter 50 of Title V of the
Cicero Municipal Code is amended as follows:
1. The following is hereby added to Chapter 50 as a new section entitled
"Unauthorized Access or Tampering" and shall read as follows:
Unauthorized Access or Tampering
Section 50.60: No Unauthorized Access or Tampering
No unauthorized person shall alter, adjust, tamper with, manipulate, obstruct,
interfere with or exert control over all or any part of the public water distribution
system owned and operated by the Town of Cicero, Indiana and/or the Cicero
Municipal Water Utility.
50.61 : Definition
For purposes of this Ordinance, "unauthorized person" shall mean any person
other than an employee or agent of the Town of Cicero and/or the Cicero
Municipal Water Utility.
50.62 : Penalties for Violation
A. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be subject
to a fine in an amount not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each
violation. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.
B. Any person found to be in violation of the Ordinance shall be liable
to the Town of Cicero and/or the Cicero Municipal Water Utility for any and
all damages caused by said violation. For the purposes of this section, this shall
include, but not be limited to:
1. damage to any Utility property including cut or damaged locks that
were put in place to prevent unauthorized use of the Utility.
2. the cost of any staff time required to make repairs, to remove, install
or replace Utility meters or other equipment.
C. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be liable
to the Town of Cicero and/or the Cicero Municipal Water Utility for any costs
incurred to enforce this Ordinance including reasonable attorney fees.
50.63 : Severability
Should any term or provision of this Ordinance be declared to be
unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such
determination shall not affect the remainder of this Ordinance which shall remain
in full force and effect; and
2. Except as amended hereinabove, all of the other terms, provisions,
conditions and penalties contained in the Ordinance shall remain in full force and
effect.
3. This Ordinance amendment shall become effective thirty (30) days after
it is published in compliance with the IC 36-3-4-14 and IC 5-3-1 et al.
ADOPTED by the town council of the Town of Cicero this 17th day of
December, 2024.
CICERO TOWN COUNCIL
Christopher J. Lutz, President
Joseph R. Cox
Dennis D. Johnson
Emily K. Pearson
ATTESTED TO:
Rhonda Gary, Clerk-Treasurer
R5462 12/23/24

COUNTY

LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
The Hamilton County Board of Zoning Appeals, will meet on Wednesday
January 22, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hamilton County Council Chambers /
Commissioners Courtroom located in the Hamilton County Government and
Judicial Building at One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana in order
to hear the following petition:
DOCKET NO. BZA-LU-0001-01-2025
A variance concerning Article 09, 20 of the Hamilton County Unified
Development Ordinance No. 07-25-2022-A as amended 07-10-2023 to permit
construction of a single-family dwelling in a floodway.
Project Address: 169 Tippecanoe Drive, Noblesville, IN 46062
Parcel number(s): 10-07-16-02-02-036.000
Property is zoned: A-3
Size of property: < 1.0 acres
Legal description: Section 16, Township 19, Range 5 Riverwood lot 169
The petition may be examined at the office of the Hamilton County Plan
Commission, One Hamilton County Square, Suite 133, Noblesville, Indiana.
Please call (317) 776-8490 should you have any questions.
Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may file written
comments concerning the matter to be heard prior to or at the Hearing.
The Hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary.
Petitioner's Name: Vicotria Cousins Date: 12/12/2024
R5445 12/23/24

COURT NOTICES

29D02-2412-EU-000526
NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR COURT OF HAMILTON COUNTY, INDIANA.

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

29D03-2412-EU-000540
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
SUPERIOR COURT NO. 3)

29D02-2411-EU-000523
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA

29C01-2412-MI-013743
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

29D02-2411-EU-000523
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA

29D02-2412-EU-000541
Jeffrey D. Hawkins
KIGHTLINGER & GRAY, LLP
One Indiana Square, Suite 300

29D02-2411-EU-000523
Hamilton Superior Court 2
IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT PROBATE DIVISION STATE OF INDIANA

29D02-2412-EU-000538
STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON SUPERIOR)
COURT)

29D01-2401-EU-000035
William J. Webster
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

29D01-2401-EU-000035
William J. Webster
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A

STATE OF INDIANA)
COUNTY OF HAMILTON)
IN THE HAMILTON)
CIRCUIT COURT)

29D01-2401-EU-000035
William J. Webster
Webster & Garino, LLC
209 E. 175th Street, Suite A

SHERIFF SALES

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

COUNTY

MEETING NOTICE
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) The Hamilton County Board of Commissioners and the Hamilton County Council will meet on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1A in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center.

WESTFIELD

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Notice is hereby given that SEALED BIDS will be received:
BY AND AT: Westfield Washington Schools

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
All work for the complete construction of the project shall be performed under the form of contract set forth in the Bidding Documents. Two copies of bid forms shall be submitted on forms provided in the project manual and shall be executed in accordance with the current edition of the Indiana Board of Accounts Form 96 - "Contractor's Bid for Public Works", with a financial statement complying with Section III of Form 96, and a satisfactory Bid Bond or certified check pursuant to I.C. 36-1-12-4.5, payable to Meyer Najem.

CICERO

CICERO JACKSON TOWNSHIP PLAN COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
A public hearing will be held at the Cicero / Jackson Township Plan Commission meeting on Wednesday, January 8, 2024, at 7:00pm at the Red Bridge Park Community Building located 25 Red Bridge Park/697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN 46034.

SHERIFF SALES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Hamilton Circuit Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D04-2402-MF-001793 wherein Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC was Plaintiff, and Jason A. Breiwieser, United States of America Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, American Express National Bank, Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC and State of Indiana were Defendants, required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of February, 2025, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2112-MF-008879, wherein STAR Financial Bank was Plaintiff, and Chad S. McKnight, et al. were Defendant(s), required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of February, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No. 29D05-2112-MF-008879, wherein STAR Financial Bank was Plaintiff, and Chad S. McKnight, et al. were Defendant(s), required me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose a public sale to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of February, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. of said day, at the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D04-2406-MF-006653 wherein NEWREZ LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING, was Plaintiff, and RYAN S MALES was the Defendant, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of February, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTEREST PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Superior Court of Hamilton County, Indiana, in Cause No.: 29D06-2404-MF-004027 wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC, was Plaintiff, and KIMBERLY A BANDY, et al were the Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 6th day of February, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 18100 Cumberland Road, Noblesville, IN 46060, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Hamilton County, Indiana.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION
In accordance with requirements of Title 327 IAC 15-5 & Title 327 IAC 15-13, this is to notify interested parties of proposed construction at: Jackson Township Fire Station 355 located at 7450 E. 266th, Arcadia, a part of Section 14 - Township 20 North - Range 4 East, Jackson Township, Hamilton County, Indiana and being within the drainage basin of Little Cicero Creek.

WESTFIELD

PUBLIC NOTICE
Please be advised that the Westfield-Washington Township Advisory Plan Commission will meet at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at Westfield City Hall, 130 Penn Street, Westfield, Indiana, or in a virtual format available at https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofWestfieldIN, for the purposes of holding a public hearing and reviewing and acting on the following petitions:

Sports News Events
ReadTheReporter.com

Public Notice Deadline: 5 p.m. Friday
PublicNotices@ReadTheReporter.com

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Tigers take two trophies at Mudsock swim meet

The REPORTER

The Fishers swim teams swept the Mudsock meet, which took place last Tuesday in the Tigers' pool.

Fishers beat Hamilton Southeastern in both the girls meet and the boys meet by the same score, 116-70. In the girls meet, the Tigers won seven of the 12 events, including a pair of 1-2-3 sweeps in the individual medley and the 100 freestyle. Claire Francis was the winner of both those events.

Emily Wolf was also a double winner, taking the butterfly and backstroke races. Polina Sopova won the breaststroke and Fishers was first in the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

For the Royals, Kendall Dieckman was a double winner in the 200 and 500 freestyles. Zoe Rehm won diving, Naomi Haines tri-

umphed in the 50 free and Southeastern began the meet with a victory in the medley relay.

Fishers' boys won eight events. Jonny Hines was first in the 200 and 500 freestyles; other winners were Alex Koo (50 free), Jacob Schade (diving), Hudson Lee (100 free), Eduardo Sanchez (500 free) and the 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

HSE's Jihoon Jung was a double winner in the IM and butterfly, while Collin Huston won the breaststroke. The Royals also were first in the medley relay.

GIRLS MEET

Team score: Fishers 116, Hamilton Southeastern 70.

200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Naomi Haines, Kendall Dieckman, Ellason Miller, Payton Walker) 1:48.64, 2. Fishers "A" (Emily Wolf, Polina Sopova, Alex Nguyen, Mia Wilson) 1:50.35, 3. Southeastern "C" (Izzy Schmitt, Jocelyn Graham, Gabby Johnson, Sophia Croy) 1:57.36, 4.

Fishers "B" (Sophie Blue, CJ Piotrowski, Elise Eubank, Lexi Adams) 1:57.82, 5. Southeastern "B" (Kelsey Graham, Sarah Cooper, Lacey Huston, Anna Irish) 1:58.22.

200 freestyle: 1. Dieckman (HSE) 1:53.90, 2. Emma Schumacher (F) 1:54.59, 3. Miller (HSE) 2:00.54, 4. Frankie Ramey (F) 2:00.64, 5. Lily Ziino (F) 2:01.61, 6. Brooklyn Penn (HSE) 2:06.15.

200 individual medley: 1. Claire Francis (F) 2:10.55, 2. Wilson (F) 2:12.72, 3. Sopova (F) 2:13.30, 4. Kinsey Bogaards (HSE) 2:15.45, 5. Huston (HSE) 2:21.81, 6. Graham (HSE) 2:24.46.

50 freestyle: 1. Haines (HSE) 24.70, 2. Emma Schwertfeger (F) 25.05, 3. Avery Hannon (F) 25.27, 4. Walker (HSE) 26.20, 5. Irish (HSE) 26.82, 6. Piotrowski (F) 27.12.

One-meter diving: 1. Zoe Rehm (HSE) 210.90, 2. Elaine Van Tress (F) 166.55, 3. Blair Kallas (F) 141.00, 4. Allison Irwin (F) 129.90, 5. Juliet Pearce (HSE) 116.35, 6. Abigale Earl (HSE) 83.90.

100 butterfly: 1. Wolf (F) 56.22, 2. Nguyen (F) 59.17, 3. Miller (HSE) 59.23, 4. Ziino (F) 1:01.44, 5. Huston (HSE) 1:01.85, 6. Walker (HSE) 1:06.75.

100 freestyle: 1. Francis (F) 54.60, 2. Hannon (F) 54.93, 3. Schwertfeger (F) 56.00, 4. Schmitt (HSE) 57.63, 5. Maddy Page (HSE)

58.46, 6. Irish (HSE) 58.70.

500 freestyle: 1. Dieckman (HSE) 5:09.49, 2. Schumacher (F) 5:11.65, 3. Wilson (F) 5:24.23, 4. Penn (HSE) 5:34.15, 5. Adams (F) 5:34.44.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Francis, Hannon, Schumacher, Schwertfeger) 1:39.82, 2. Fishers "B" (Sopova, Ramey, Ziino, Wilson) 1:41.44, 3. Southeastern "A" (Haines, Irish, Ella Chesterfield, Walker) 1:43.59, 4. Southeastern "B" (Croy, Anissa Lammie, Huston, Page) 1:48.39, 5. Southeastern "C" (Gabby Johnson, Tellia Gansman, Molly Hultgren, Ryan Murphy) 1:56.64.

100 backstroke: 1. Wolf (F) 58.07, 2. Bogaards (HSE) 1:00.26, 3. Haines (HSE) 1:01.97, 4. Blue (F) 1:02.25, 5. Graham (HSE) 1:03.65, 6. Eubank (F) 1:04.24.

100 breaststroke: 1. Sopova (F) 1:08.22, 2. Nguyen (F) 1:09.30, 3. Ramey (F) 1:09.95, 4. Graham (HSE) 1:10.51, 5. Lauren Ing (HSE) 1:11.13, 6. Cooper (HSE) 1:18.21.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Francis, Hannon, Schumacher, Wolf) 3:36.70, 2. Southeastern "A" (Dieckman, Bogaards, Schmitt, Miller) 3:40.95, 3. Fishers "B" (Schwertfeger, Ziino, Nguyen, Ramey) 3:45.70, 4. Southeastern "B" (Penn, Cooper, Croy, Chesterfield) 4:01.69, 5. Southeastern "C" (Emerson Bunch, Page, Kaavya Patel, Hayden Bunch) 4:09.13.

BOYS MEET

Team score: Fishers 116, Hamilton Southeastern 70.

200 medley relay: 1. Southeastern "A" (Jacob Frey, Collin Huston, Jihoon Jung, Derek Robison) 1:35.84, 2. Fishers "A" (Eduardo Sanchez, Qwinton Upshaw, Hudson Lee, Tommy Johanneman) 1:37.39, 3. Fishers "B" (Logan Senior, Caden Askren, George Kallas, Trenton Qualls) 1:45.31, 4. Southeastern "B" (Alden Sealls, Jagger Chan, Josh Lawrence, Xander Goss) 1:46.52.

200 freestyle: 1. Johnny Hines (F) 1:44.25, 2. AJ Adams (F) 1:46.33, 3. Camden Bailey (HSE) 1:50.54, 4. Sean Harvey (F) 1:51.72, 5. Bryce Salvadori (HSE) 1:57.62, 6. Ivan Semko (HSE) 1:57.63.

200 individual medley: 1. Jung (HSE) 1:53.48, 2. Sanchez (F) 1:54.79, 3. Huston (HSE) 2:00.86, 5. Askren (HSE) 2:03.47, 5. Upshaw (F) 2:05.31, 6. Frey (HSE) 2:05.73.

50 freestyle: 1. Alex Koo (F) 21.47, 2. Hu Lee (F) 22.17, 3. Robison (HSE) 22.89, 4. Qualls (F) 23.55, 5. Zach Marchisin (HSE) 24.68, 6. Goss (HSE) 25.09.

One-meter diving: 1. Jacob Schade (F) 312.00, 2. Gavin Tucker (HSE) 269.75, 3. Kirby Danglede (F) 264.40, 4. Mason Lawson (F) 243.95, 5. Joseph Justice (HSE) 99.10.

100 butterfly: 1. Jung (HSE)

51.06, 2. Koo (F) 51.39, 3. Kallas (F) 54.31, 4. Senior (F) 54.79, 5. Marchisin (HSE) 57.48, 6. Lawrence (HSE) 57.55.

100 freestyle: 1. Hu Lee (F) 48.61, 2. Bailey (HSE) 49.57, 3. Johanneman (F) 49.89, 4. Robison (HSE) 50.15, 5. Nolan Pugh (HSE) 51.83, 6. Sean Harvey (F) 52.49.

500 freestyle: 1. Hines (F) 4:40.57, 2. Adams (F) 4:46.21, 3. Askren (F) 4:53.92, 4. Semko (HSE) 5:08.84, 5. Salvadori (HSE) 5:10.70.

200 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Hu Lee, Johanneman, Hines, Koo) 1:29.40, 2. Fishers "B" (Qualls, Kalls, Upshaw, Adams) 1:31.49, 3. Southeastern "A" (Marchisin, Pugh, Frey, Bailey) 1:33.21, 4. Southeastern "B" (Chan, Lawrence, Semko, Salvadori) 1:39.04.

100 backstroke: 1. Sanchez (F) 52.14, 2. Frey (HSE) 54.29, 3. Johanneman (F) 55.22, 4. Chan (F) 56.48, 5. Sealls (HSE) 59.01, 6. Goss (HSE) 1:01.13.

100 breaststroke: 1. Huston (HSE) 58.68, 2. Pugh (HSE) 1:01.50, 3. Upshaw (F) 1:01.94, 4. Chan (F) 1:03.17, 5. Dylan Geesaman (F) 1:07.91, 6. Hagen Lee (F) 1:09.27.

400 freestyle relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Hines, Sanchez, Adams, Koo) 3:11.84, 2. Southeastern "A" (Jung, Robison, Huston, Bailey) 3:17.85, 3. Fishers "B" (Askren, Harvey, Senior, Kallas) 3:27.17, 4. Southeastern "B" (Marchisin, Sealls, Lawrence, Pugh) 3:32.87.

Hamilton County Veterans Community Page

Hamilton County Veteran Service Organizations

American Legion Posts

Carmel Post 155 Kim Kilburn
852 West Main St Breakfast Sat & Sun 8-12
Carmel, In 46032 Treasure Hunt Fri 7p
317-846-0001 Tx Holdem Thurs & Sat

Cicero Post 341 Tye Anderson
50 Washington Ave Treasure Hunt Tues 7p
Cicero, In 46034 Weekly Draw Su 6p, W 7p
317-984-4441 Bingo Fri 6p, Weekly Draw 8p

Fishers Post 470 Pat Menc
9091 E 126th St Treasure Hunt Fri 8pm \$25K
Fishers, in 46038
317-842-5944 Breakfast 1st & 3rd Sun 8-11

Noblesville Post 45 Gil Soria
273 S 8th St Fri 645pm Treasure Hunt
Noblesville, in 46060 Sunday Football Menu
317-773-9985 Trivia Wednesdays 7pm

Sheridan Post 67 Tom DeShon
406 E 10th St
Sheridan, In 46069
317-758-5007

VFW Posts

Carmel Post 10003 Darin Bibeau
12863 Old Meridian St
Carmel, In 46032 Breakfast 2 & 4 Sat 8-11
317-846-0917 Thurs Treasure Hunt 7pm

Noblesville Post 6246 Eric Behrends
654 S 9th St
Noblesville, In 46060
317-773-9956

If you are a member of our American Legions & VFWs and you would like to see your Post activities in the paper, please speak at your next meeting to see if your Post would create or nominate an Outreach Coordinator to automatically send me your Post information weekly with a 14 day lead time before the event happens.

Non-Profit Veteran Orgs

Hamilton County Veterans Corp
P.O. Box 503
Noblesville, in 46061
secretary@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 7pm the 1st Monday Monthly at the Fishers American Legion. Our website <https://www.hamiltoncountyveterans.com/> has 40 pages of resources for our Military Veteran community

If you would like to step up in Hamilton County to assist your Military Veteran community to live a more connected and fulfilled life, please come to the Hamilton County Veteran Corp meetings the first Monday of the month 7pm at the Fishers American Legion Post 470 located at 9091 E 126th St. No annual fees, just a commitment to helping our Military Veteran community. Military, Veteran family members may also join. We are ready to make Hamilton County the leader in the country as we step into the future, caring for our Military Veteran community! Join us

Navy Club Ship 29
Noblesville, In
president@hamiltoncountyveterans.com
Meets 2nd Thurs 630pm at Gingers 1804
Conner St Noblesville

Hamilton County Veteran Service Officers

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The Hamilton County Veterans Corp, Hamilton County Stronger Veterans Stronger Communities Coalition, All Our Partners and Friends, Are Wishing Our Active Military, Veterans and their Families a Very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a Happy & Healthy New Year !!!

Whether you are home or away on this Christmas Day, or any day, we are thinking of you and we thank you for your commitment, dedication, service, sacrifice and bravery while protecting our Freedoms at home and overseas.



NOT EVERYONE WILL BE HOME FOR CHRISTMAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO OUR TROOPS - AND THANK YOU!

